

such an incident has occurred—on a previous occasion also five Mizmis escaped from NEFA—may I know what steps Government have taken to strengthen the security measures in NEFA so that incidents of this sort might not be repeated over and over again?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I am not aware of such an incident happening previously.

Shri Hem Barua: Five Mizmis had escaped some months back. The Defence Minister admitted it here.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Maybe. Obviously, the steps must have been taken—in this case too. They were in the Quarter Guard which is not in the prison and they escaped from there and they were immediately, within the next day or two....

Shri Hem Barua: But they overpowered our guards and then escaped.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Maybe; anyhow, they must have taken the steps to prevent recurrence of such things.

Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: May I know whether these prisoners were able to get away from custody on their own or they got help from any outside agency?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: As far as I know, there is no outside agency involved. They went away by themselves and they came back by themselves too.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether the Government have got any authentic information that some of these rebel Nagas have recently entered into Burma and some of them have been very much wanted here by the police?

Mr. Speaker: This is quite different.

दिल्ली में आटे का संभरण

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श्री रामसेवक यादव :
श्री कृष्णदास :
श्री भू० ना० मंडल :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में लोगों को आटा मिलने में कठिनाई हो रही है;

(ख) यदि हाँ तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इस कठिनाई को दूर करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की गई अथवा की जा रही है ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री : स - चव (श्री शिन्डे) : (क) दिल्ली में इस समय आयातित गेहूँ से मिल द्वारा तैयार किये गये आटे की पर्याप्त सप्लाई उपलब्ध है और इसके मिलने में कोई कठिनाई नहीं है ।

(ख) और (ग). प्रश्न ही नहीं उठते ।

[(a) At present adequate supplies of mill atta produced from imported wheat are available in Delhi and there is no difficulty on that account.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.]

श्री रामसेवक यादव : मैं जानना चाहूंगा कि आटा और गेहूँ के वितरण की दिल्ली में क्या व्यवस्था है और इस समय आटा और गेहूँ का भाव क्या है ।

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): With regard to the supply of wheat products in Delhi, there are as many as six flour mills and the installed capacity is sufficient to meet the requirements of Delhi. These mills have got about 4000 shops here and the price of wheat products is controlled. They can only sell at the controlled prices fixed by the Govern-

ment. Apart from that, the Central Government has opened another 205 fair price shops, but they were not functioning for some time because the price of indigenous wheat went down to such an extent that there was no demand for imported wheat. Now, because of rise in the price of indigenous wheat, there is demand for imported wheat and we have made arrangements to activate these 205 fair price shops which had been opened. Besides that, we are opening another 200 shops for effecting supplies with wheat supplied by the Central Government. I think, these arrangements will meet the situation.

Mr. Speaker: What is the price? He wanted to know that also.

Shri A. M. Thomas: The prices per quintal are: whole meal *atta*—Rs. 41.53; resultant *atta*—Rs. 38.55; *maida*—Rs. 53.58; *suji*—Rs. 58.94.

श्री रामसेवक यादव: क्या मंत्री महोदय का ध्यान अखबारों में छपी इस खबर की और गया है कि वास्तविकता यह है कि आटे की कमी है और कारण यह बतलाया गया है कि जो गेहूं मिलों को दिया जाता है वह काले बाजार में बिक जाया करता है और वहां पिस कर जनता में नहीं बंटता ।

Shri A. M. Thomas: There are complaints that wheat products were being sold above the controlled prices. We immediately took action and now the inspection staff has been strengthened so that there will be better checking over the distribution through these 4000 and odd shops which are run by the mills. One thing the hon. House has to realise is that it is only the indigenous wheat where the price has gone up. As for wheat products produced out of indigenous wheat, of course, the prices would be a little higher. But, as far as the vulnerable section of the population is concerned, they are taken care of by the distribution of wheat products out of the

imported wheat. If people have got a preference for the high-priced Punjab wheat, we cannot help it.

श्री कछवाय: क्या यह सही है कि जो विदेश से गेहूं आता है उसको आटा मिल वाले सस्ते दाम पर खरीद लेते हैं और आटा महंगे दामों पर बेचते हैं और आटा दो व तीन क्वालिटीज़ का बेचते हैं ? और किस भाव से बेचते हैं ?

Shri A. M. Thomas: That is not a fact. As far as wheat products are concerned, now, there are no complaints that the wheat products produced out of the imported wheat that was supplied to these mills are sold at higher prices. There had been some complaints a few days back, but after the inspection staff has been strengthened, and after all the steps taken by the Delhi Administration also, there have not been any further reports of higher prices being charged for wheat products produced out of imported wheat.

श्री कछवाय: इसको हिन्दी में करवा दीजिये ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय: सब कुछ हिन्दी में नहीं करवाया जा सकता ।

श्री काशी राम गुप्त: क्या यह सही है कि देशी गेहूं के आटे के नाम पर अमरीकी गेहूं का आटा बेचा जा रहा है क्योंकि देशी गेहूं का भाव ३२ रुपये मन है ? क्या इसको रोकने का कोई उपाय किया जा रहा है ?

Shri A. M. Thomas: There have been some complaints that the wheat products manufactured out of imported wheat are mixed with the other wheat products and sold at higher prices. We have strengthened the inspection directorate, and if possible, any cases coming to our notice will be strictly dealt with.

श्री कशन पटनायक: क्या गेहूं के आटे के वितरण की जिम्मेदारी दिल्ली सेंट्रल कोऑपरेटिव स्टोर को दी गयी है ?

Shri A. M. Thomas: It is not a question of responsibility. As far as the fair price shops are concerned, we exercise supervision over them, and we make the supplies to them; and the Delhi Administration, of course, is directly responsible. There is no question of shelving the responsibility from the Centre to the Administration or from the Administration to somebody else.

श्री किशन पटनायक : क्या उनके जरिये बेचा जा रहा है ?

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know whether any part of this distribution has been entrusted to that co-operative society.

Shri A. M. Thomas: There has not been any complaint with regard to distribution by any co-operative society. In fact, we are prepared to look into any complaint that may be brought to our notice.

श्री किशन पटनायक : उन्होंने जवाब नहीं दिया ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : उन्होंने कहा है कि कोप्रोपरेटिव स्टोर को कोई शिकायत नहीं है ।

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : किसानों से जो गेहूँ १३ या १४ रुपये मन पर खरीदा गया वह आज दिल्ली में २३ और २४ रुपये मन बिक रहा है और आटा उमते भी महंगा है । मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह मुनाफा किस को जा रहा है ? क्या सरकार इसका नियंत्रण कर रही है ?

Shri A. M. Thomas: There is no compulsory procurement of wheat at all. In fact, the wheat prices have been fixed by way of giving support to the farmer in case the wheat prices go below the economic level; the price has been fixed at Rs. 14 for the common variety of wheat. It is only when the prices go below that that the question of purchase will arise. Otherwise, there is no question of compulsory procurement.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: What I meant was that the purchase was made...

अध्यक्ष महोदय : १३ या १४ रुपये मन खरीदे तो लम्बा अरसा हो गया ।

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: When the wheat was purchased...

Mr. Speaker: Order, order, Shrimati Savitri Nigam.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether Government have received any complaint regarding the supply of bad quality of imported wheat flour and also complaints that a lot of imported wheat flour is being smuggled into the surrounding districts of Punjab and UP ?

Shri A. M. Thomas: We have not received any complaint with regard to bad quality, but we have received complaints that smuggling was going on. Actually, it is not a question of smuggling, because wheat products could be transported freely, and there has not been any restriction on transport of wheat or wheat products. All the same, we have advised the various mills that they should not export these wheat products from the Union Territory of Delhi.

Shri Tulshidas Jadhav: Out of these fair price shops how many are given to the co-operative societies, and how many are given to individual owners?

Shri A. M. Thomas: We have asked the various co-operative societies to take as much of wheat as possible from our stocks but, in fact, the proposition was not attractive before. As I have already said, even the fair price shops which were opened previously have had to be energised now because the wheat prices were so low earlier and it is only in recent months that the price of indigenous wheat has risen. During last year, the index was only 89 per cent. So, if there is some rise, I should say that that is to some extent also a corrective.