

Shri A. P. Jain: Black pepper grows on the western coast because it gets showers in a particular part of the year. Some experiments were carried on in the eastern coast in Madras for growing black pepper by giving artificial showers.

Mr. Speaker: He is giving information.

Shri A. P. Jain: Has that experiment been tried and further extended?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: I require notice to answer that question.

Dr. Sarojini Mahishi: Spices and cashewnuts earn good foreign exchange. May I know whether there is any particular machinery for controlling the quality of these while they are exported?

Dr. Ram Sabhag Singh: Yes, there is a machinery. As I said, the ICAR looks after this programme.

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श्री हरि विष्णु कामत :
श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :
श्री वासुदेवन नगर :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री १० दिसम्बर, १९६३ के तारकित प्रश्न संख्या ४७९ तथा उस के अनुपूरक प्रश्नों के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली दूध योजना की कार्यप्रणाली को सुधारने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं; और

(ख) उन के क्या परिणाम निकले हैं ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री के सभा-सचिव (श्री शिन्धे): (क) और (ख). खाद्य और

कृषि मंत्रालय के एक प्रवर अफसर को जांच अफसर नियुक्त कर दिया गया है, जो दिल्ली दुग्ध योजना में सफेद मक्खन के बड़ी मात्रा में इकट्ठा होने और उसके खराब होने की जांच करेगा और इस बारे में अफसरों की यदि कोई व्यक्तिगत लापरवाई होगी, तो उस के लिये उन्हें जिम्मेदार ठहरायेगा। उस की रिपोर्ट की प्रतीक्षा है। भारत सरकार दिल्ली दुग्ध योजना के प्रशासन को अधिक शक्तिशाली बनाने के लिए कुछ प्रस्तावों पर तत्परता से विचार कर रही है।

[(a) and (b). A senior Officer of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture has been appointed as the Inquiry Officer for conducting an inquiry into accumulation and deterioration of a large quantity of white butter in the Delhi Milk Scheme and for fixing responsibility for any lapses on the part of any individual officers. His report is awaited. Certain proposals for strengthening the administration of the Delhi Milk Scheme are also under the active consideration of the Government of India.]

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी श्री मंत्री महोदय ने बतलाया कि सरकार ने कुछ कदम उठाए हैं जिन से दिल्ली दुग्ध योजना का विकास होगा। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि वे कौन कौन से कदम हैं जो उठाए गए हैं, और क्या कारण है कि दिल्ली के आस पास काफी मात्रा में दूध उपलब्ध होते हुए भी दूध का शार्टेज हो रहा है ?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): Sir, this question has been tabled by the hon. Member with reference to a previous question and answers to supplementaries thereon. The previous question related to rancid butter. That is why in the body of the reply we have indicated what steps have been taken in that matter. With regard to strengthening of the administration, in fact, certain proposals are under consideration. We want to have an officer of the rank of General Manager who has got ad-

ministrative experience and also a Deputy General Manager who has got technical experience. These are under consideration and under discussion with the Home Ministry as well as the Finance Ministry. With regard to the question of supplies, we are handling about 3000 to 4000 maunds of milk per day. Because of the floods and other circumstances we are getting less supplies from the U.P. area. So the supplies have been to some extent affected. But we think that we would be able to maintain this order of distribution in the coming months too.

Shri A. M. Thomas: We are increasing the storage capacity of the chilling centres. We are also making improvements in the transport arrangements.

Shri M. L. Dwivedy: In the first part of my question, I have asked about the steps taken by the Ministry. They have not been mentioned.

Mr. Speaker: He has mentioned the steps which have been taken.

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या कारण है कि दूध वितरण केंद्रों पर कर्मचारी देर से आते हैं, इस से लोगों को देर होती है और सप्लाई ठीक से नहीं हो पाती ?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Yes, Sir. Some complaints have reached us. We have enquired into them and we have warned the managers of the depots to be very careful and not to give rise to such complaints.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether the hon. Minister has received complaints of rank dishonesty prevailing in the counters and that money is not being returned to the people who do not take milk on their cards?

Shri A. M. Thomas: There have been some complaints of misappropriation which have been suitably dealt with. Because of proper

accounting there will be some delay in the refund of the money. But we have advised the Delhi Milk Scheme that there should not be any delay at all in the matter of refund of money.

Shri Ramachandra Ulaka: May I know whether the deep freeze equipment has been received by the Government and, if not what other process has been adopted for storing ghee and avoiding further wastage?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Though we have placed an order, we have not yet received the deep freeze equipment. We are now utilising the cold storage for ice cream for storing table butter.

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : कर्मचारियों की अकर्मण्यता से और कार्यप्रणाली में दोष होने के कारण, क्या सरकार ने कुछ ऐसी भी जानकारी ली है कि पीछे जो लाखों रुपए का घी खराब हो गया और दूध जो समय समय पर बिगड़ता रहा है, इस से पिछले दो वर्षों में दिल्ली ? दूध योजना को कितनी हानि पहुंची है ? क्या सरकार के पास इस के आंकड़े हैं ?

Shri A. M. Thomas: A senior officer has been appointed to enquire into this, in order to assess the loss and also fix up the responsibility. So far as the sale of rancid ghee is concerned we think there would be a loss of about Rs. 74,000.

श्री विश्वाम प्रसाद : अभी मंत्री जी ने बताया कि स्पेशल आफिसर जांच के लिए लगाए गए हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जांच के दौरान क्या किसी कर्मचारी को सस्पेंड भी किया गया या यों ही जांच हो रही है, और इस की रिपोर्ट आने की कब तक उम्मीद की जा सकती है।

Shri A. M. Thomas: Nobody has been suspended.

श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धान्ती : स्वतंत्र रूप से दूध का व्यवसाय करने वालों पर इस दूध योजना का क्या प्रभाव पड़ सकता है ?

Shri A. M. Thomas: No, Sir, so far as the suppliers of milk are concerned, their conditions have improved very much. Before the Delhi Milk Scheme came into being they were selling milk at distress prices. Now they are getting proper price for their produce.

श्री कछवाय : क्या यह बात सही है कि वहां के कर्मचारियों को जो सहूलियतें मिलनी चाहियें वे नहीं मिल रही हैं इसलिये दूध सप्लाई में गड़बड़ी हो रही है ?

Shri A. M. Thomas: No, Sir. The question of the grievances of workers is also being looked into. Whenever any such complaints come, we meet the representatives of the workers and discuss it with them.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : जब कि हम लोग मानते हैं कि दूध लाइफ की फर्स्ट नैसिसिटी है, तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि हमारे मंत्री जी ने यह कितनी बार देखा है कि मिल्क वान को नहर के पुल पर रोक कर दूध बेच दिया जाता है और उस में नहर का पानी मिला दिया जाता है, कुवें का पानी नहीं मिलाया जाता क्योंकि वह भारी होता है ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मंत्री जी ने देखा होता तो कहते, आप ने देखा हो तो बतलाइए ।

श्री काशी राम गुप्त : अभी मंत्री जी ने बतलाया कि अकाल के कारण दूध कम मिल रहा है, और दूसरी तरफ वे कहते हैं कि जनरल मैनेजर और डिप्टी जनरल मैनेजर नियुक्त किये जायेंगे । मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि वह क्या काम करेंगे जब दूध की सप्लाई ही कम है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह तो वह बतला चुके ।

Shri Warrior: May I know whether Government have made any investigation of the complaint that the ghee auctioned from the Delhi Milk Scheme was used for adulteration?

Shri A. M. Thomas: No, Sir. No such complaint has come.

Shri Warrior: It was in the press.

श्री शिव नारायण : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या दिल्ली मिल्क स्कीम के ऊपर अपसरों और नीचे के कर्मचारियों में कनफ्लिक्ट है जिस से काम ठीक से नहीं हो रहा है ।

Shri A. M. Thomas: In fact, there has been some friction in the working of the scheme. We have looked into that also, and the entire administrative set-up is being streamlined.

Shri A. P. Sharma: Is it not a fact that the employees of the Delhi Milk Scheme have made several complaints regarding the mismanagement of the Delhi Milk Scheme; and their union which is affiliated to the INTUC is not being recognised only because they have brought up these complaints in regard to the mismanagement of the Delhi Milk Scheme?

Shri A. M. Thomas: With regard to the recognition of the union, that has been considered, and we are in favour of granting recognition. The matter is being discussed with the Labour Ministry.

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Shri G. Mohanty:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 484 on the 10th December, 1963 and state:

(a) whether the proposal for setting up a Road Board has since been considered; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof?