

Damage of gift milk powder supplied to Bihar

1602. Shri K. N. Pandey: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five per cent of the gift milk powder given to Bihar Government for distribution among the famine-stricken people is damaged; and

(b) if so, whether the said stock has been removed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community, Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) and (b). No damaged gift milk powder has been despatched to Bihar for free distribution in the drought affected areas. It is, however, possible that some containers might have been damaged while in transit or in storage. The State Government have been advised that milk powder in such containers should be withheld and put to use only if a careful analysis of the contents of each container shows that the milk powder is fit for human consumption.

Functioning of Food Corporation of India in Assam

1603. Shri P. P. Esthose:
Shri Umansh:
Shri K. M. Abraham:
Shri K. Anrudhan:
Shri Viswanatha Menon:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have instituted an enquiry into the functioning of the Food Corporation of India in Assam;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) when the enquiry is likely to be completed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community, Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) No, Sir.

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

Donation of fertilizers by Sweden

1604. Shri Y. A. Prasad:
Shri N. K. Sanghi:
Shri P. Parthasarathy:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Swedish Government have donated 14,000 tonnes of fertilizers for use in the scarcity-affected areas of U.P. and Bihar; and

(b) if so, the steps taken for their distribution?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 7000 tonnes each have been allocated to the State Governments of U.P. & Bihar. The State Governments have been requested to give despatch instructions to destinations in scarcity affected areas.

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1605. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवायः
श्री राम सिंह अयरवालः
श्री राम चन्द्र उल्लाकाः
श्री कुनेश्वर मीनाः
श्री होरजी भाईः
श्री ल० प्रबानीः

क्या परिवहन तथा नौबहन मन्त्री 7 अप्रैल, 1967 के प्रनामकित प्रश्न संख्या 814 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने चौबी पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि के दौरान टन भार बढ़ाने के लिये भारतीय नौबहन निगम को धन देने के बारे में इस बीच निर्णय कर लिया है; और

(ख) क्या यह धन फालतू पुर्जों के आयात पर खर्च किया जायेगा अथवा वे देश में बनाये जायेंगे ?