

Shri B. E. Bhagat: It is our hope that the performance this year will not be less than that of last year.

Shri Thirumala Rao: Has the attention of Government been drawn to the fact that certain zones have given larger amount of business than certain other zones, and if so, do Government propose to remedy this situation and see that the zones that are giving less amount of business will come abreast with the rest of the zones?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): The capacities of the different zones also matter. The capacities of all the zones in this country are not the same.

Shri Rameshwar. Tantia: Those policy-holders who pay income-tax receive a rebate of tax on their insurance premium. May I know whether there is any mode of providing some financial benefit to the policyholders of low income groups just to make them more insurance-minded?

Mr. Speaker: These are all general suggestions.

Shri B. E. Bhagat: It is a suggestion for action.

Shri Anirudh Sinha: In the year 1957-58, the Life Insurance Corporation has underwritten a record business. At the same time we find that in the same year, the number of policies that have lapsed is three times that in the previous year. May I know what led the policyholders to pay up their policies?

Shri B. E. Bhagat: I could not gather the import of the question.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member may repeat his question. The Minister must understand the question before he can answer.

Shri Anirudh Sinha: The new insurance business underwritten by the Life Insurance Corporation during 1957-58 is a record one. At the same time, we find that the number of policies that have lapsed during the same period is three times that in

the previous year. May I know what led the policyholders to pay up their policies?

Shri Morarji Desai: They may not be new policies which have lapsed; they may be old policies also which may have lapsed. Therefore, we shall have to go into all those figures before we can give the comparative result.

Adulteration of Ghee

*1655. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the samples of ghee sent to the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore for analysis were found to contain 80 per cent. of vanaspati;

(b) the preventive measures advocated in this connection by the Institute; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) The samples of "Ghee" collected by the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore, were found to contain 50 per cent. to 100 per cent. vanaspati.

(b) and (c). No executive measures in this connection have been advocated by the Institute as the responsibility for the prevention of adulteration of ghee rests with the State Governments under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954. The Health authorities of the various State Governments have been addressed to enforce the provisions of the Act and rules made thereunder vigorously. The Institute is also engaged in research to find a suitable colour for colouring vanaspati.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I enquire whether Government are still pursuing the attempt to find a suitable colour for colouring Vanaspati?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I have just now said that the institute is doing so.

Sardar A. S. Saigal: May I know whether Government are contemplating to revise the decision about colouring of vanaspati in view of the report from the Central Food Technological Research Institute?

Shri Humayun Kabir: As I have said, this institute is pursuing the search. But there are certain difficulties, for, in order to get a suitable colour, there must be a dye which is non-toxic, which is not capable of easy removal, which would maintain its colour for a sufficiently long time, and which would exert no cumulative effect. No dye uptill now has satisfied all the four conditions.

सेठ गोबिन्द दास : क्या इतने दिनों के अनुभव के बाद यह बात लिख नहीं हो गई कि अब तक बनस्पति का जमाया जाना बन्द नहीं होगा तब तक इस प्रकार की मिलावट को रोका नहीं जा सकता है क्योंकि रंग अब तक प्राप्त नहीं हो सका साथ ही अगर रंग अब तक प्राप्त नहीं हो सका तो जो वैज्ञानिक अनुभव और उद्‌जन बम इत्यादि की तरह की चीजें बना सकते हैं वे बनस्पति के लिये रंग प्राप्त करने में अब तक क्यों सफल नहीं हुये हैं इसका क्या कारण है ?

श्री हुमायूँ कबीर : सवाल का जो दूसरा हिस्सा है उसका जवाब देना मेरे लिये मुमकिन नहीं है कि क्यों साइटिस्ट्स इस बारे में कामयाब नहीं हुये हैं। यह वे ही जानें। सवाल का जो पहला हिस्सा है उसका इस मिनिस्ट्री से कोई तात्लुक नहीं है।

सेठ गोबिन्द दास : अध्यक्ष महोदय मैंने यह प्रश्न किया था कि अब तक के अनुभव के आधार पर हम यह कह सकते हैं कि अब तक बनस्पति का जमाया जाना बन्द नहीं होगा तब तक मिलावट को रोकना सम्भव नहीं है। इसके बारे में मैंने पूछा है कि क्या गवर्नमेंट इस पर विचार कर रही है ? यह प्रश्न गवर्नमेंट से सम्बन्ध रखता है और

गवर्नमेंट के लिये इसका उत्तर देना सम्भव होना चाहिये।

श्री हुमायूँ कबीर : यही मैंने कहा है कि इस मिनिस्ट्री के साथ इसका तात्लुक नहीं है।

Mr. Speaker: If there is no medicine for cold, the nose may be cut off!

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: Government are talking about mixing colour in vanaspati. But are Government aware that animal fat is mixed with ghee?

Shri Humayun Kabir: It is possible.

Shri Mohamed Imam: May I know from which part of the country the samples were obtained, and which State it is which is very much subjected to adulteration?

Shri Humayun Kabir: This question refers to a particular series of tests which were carried out in Mysore, and the samples were collected from Mysore and Bangalore.

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: May I know whether the samples included ghee prepared by well known trade mark holders of ghee

Shri V. P. Nayar: Agmark?

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: Not Agmark, but well known trade marks.

Shri Humayun Kabir: I have no information on that point. These were sample surveys carried out by the Central Institute, at Mysore.

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: What samples?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Random samples.

Observance of Silence in Educational Institutions

*1657. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a circular has been issued to all the