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Friday, August 21, 1959/Sravana 30
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Guest Control Order

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*632. { Shri Barman:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Food and Agri-
culture be pleased to state:

(a) whether waste of foodgrains
has been actually avoided by the
Guest Control Order, 1958,

(b) if so, how much waste has been
avoided during the year 1958; and

(c) how far this has solved the food
problem in our country?

The Deputy Minister of Food and
Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) to (c) The Guest Control Order
is intended to make the general
population conscious of the need for
avoiding wastage of food and effect-
ing economy in the consumption of
foodstuffs. For obvious reasons, it is
difficult to say how much waste has
been avoided by means of this Order
and to what extent it has been help-
ful in tackling the food problem.

Shri Barman: According to common
notions—or experience rather—the
guests consume less grains while they

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are invited to a feast than what they
do in their own houses. If so, how
can there be a saving by the control?

The Minister of Food and Agricul-
ture (Shri A. P. Jain): Then the
correct policy would be that nobody
eats in his house and everybody eats
as a guest.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: May I know
whether Government are aware that
this Order is creating unnecessary
scare in the country by giving an im-
pression that there is a dearth of
foodgrains in the country?

Shri A. P. Jain: There are many
more persons who are doing this much
more intensively than this order.

Shri B. Das Gupta: May I know
whether the hon. Minister is aware of
any case which has been instituted
for the violation of this Guest Control
Order?

Shri A. P. Jain: I remember that in
at least one case a marriage party was
proceeded against.

Shri Nagi Reddy: May I know what
is the administrative machinery that
has been set up to implement this
particular order?

Shri A. P. Jain: There is no special
machinery; the police is there.

Licence Fees on Cheap Radio Sets

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*633. { Shri Radha Raman:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:

Will the Minister of Transport and
Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fina-
lised the consideration of a proposal
for reduced licence fee on cheap radio
sets; and