

(c) whether Government have considered to set up price fixation committee in which representations of the consumers organisations would be included for consultation before fixing up the price?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (DR. M.S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) and (b) As a sequel to the increase in the price of imported oil and the cost of inputs in the manufacture of vanaspati, the prices of vanaspati were revised upward.

(c) The prices of vanaspati per 16.5 kg, tin ex-factory since 1977 during July-August were as under :—

1976	There was no control either statutory or voluntary on vanaspati prices.
1977	Rs. 158
1978	Rs. 140
1979	Rs. 168 to Rs. 172
1980	Rs. 168 to Rs. 172
1981	Rs. 192
1982	Rs. 217
1983	Rs. 217

From 24th May, 1984, for the first time, the maximum retail price of 15 kg. tin was fixed at Rs. 234 which is in vogue till date.

(d) The prices were voluntarily increased thrice since January, 1980.

(e) No, Sir.

Sale Assistants of DMS Working in Parliament House/Annexe

2218. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the plight of employees of DMS Working in the capacity of Sale Assistants in Parliament House/Annexe, New Delhi ;

(b) whether no promotion has been given to the staff for the last 20 years ;

(c) the details of work-load on these employees before and after 1965 ; Separately ;

(d) whether the staff also operate electric machine for preparing milk shake etc. but no allowance to this effect is given to them for this technical job ;

(e) whether no additional staff is provided to such Sale Assistants for washing the used tumblers ; and

(f) remedial measures Government propose to take to improve the working conditions of these Sale Assistants or DMS ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :

(a) The Government are aware of the working conditions of the Sales Attendants of the Delhi Milk Scheme employed in Parliament House/Annexe,

(b) Although there are no direct avenues of promotion for the Sales Attendants, three Sales Attendants have been placed in the Selection Grade and some of them have been recruited as Manager, All Day Milk Stall on the basis of educational qualification and experience.

(c) There has been no appreciable change in the nature of duties and work-load of the Sales Attendants. The Sales Attendants work under the overall supervision and control of Manager

Sales. Their duties consist of proper upkeep of the stall, reception and proper storage of milk and other milk products, cleaning of equipments and utensils, preparation of lassi and milk shake and serving of these and other products to the Members of Parliament and other customers, collection of tumblers and their cleaning.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Operation of electric mixer is very simple and does not justify the payment of special allowance. Washing of tumblers is one of the duties of the Sales Attendants. However, one additional Sales Attendant is provided during the Parliament Session.

(f) The service condition of Sales Attendants are at par with other Group 'D' employees and hence special remedial measures for this category in isolation is not proposed.

Achievements of Operation Flood-II

2219. SHRI T. S. NEGI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Operation Flood-II had four supportive actions, namely, Development of National Milk Grid, infrastructural supports to clusters, planning implementation and monitoring and institution and financial arrangements and if so, break-up of these for 1983-84, State-wise ?

(b) the achievements against the above targets for supportive actions for 1983-84, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :

(a) and (b) The National Milk Grid infrastructural support for disease control and milk production enhancement, planning, implementation and monitoring and man power development are centralised action items for which no State-wise targets were fixed. Therefore, it is not possible to indicate the State-wise achievements. However, under the above supportive actions,

progress achieved till March '84 is as follows :—

- (i) Dairy Development plans for 24 States/Union Territories have been finalised of which 23 plans were appraised. A total management information system has been developed and a large number of personnel have been trained. In addition to the Institute of Rural Management, the two training Centres at National Dairy Development Board, Anand and Mehana three Regional Training Centres at Jallundar, Siliguri and Erode have been established.
- (ii) For designing, erection, installation and commissioning at plants technical and consultancy services are provided to the Implementing Agencies in different States/Union Territories.
- (iii) 81 Rail Milk tankers having capacity of 28.6 lakh litres have been commissioned. Storage capacity of 8300 MT for Skim Milk Powder and 1200 MT Butter Oil/butter have been created. The Aseptic Packaging Stations (A.P.S) at Surat and Indore have been commissioned. Implementation of Aseptic Packaging Stations at Jaipur and Guntur is in progress. Paper Laminating Plant at Itanagar has been commissioned.
- (iv) Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccine Plant at Hyderabad has been commissioned. Animal Disease diagnostic Laboratory has been established.

Storage Facilities for Foodgrains

2220. SHRI R. N. RAKESH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :