

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in almost all the Medical Colleges.

(b) and (c). Due publicity is given through newspapers and the Prospectus of the College concerned.

Prices of Pure Ghee in Delhi

1215. { Shri A. V. Raghavan:
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Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the rise in prices of pure ghee in the New Delhi Market; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to bring down the prices?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes.

(b) It is not proposed to take any direct regulatory measures. It is hoped, however, that the country-wide planned increases in milk production, oilseeds production and dairy development will help relieve the situation indirectly.

Exchange of Animals with Netherlands

1216. Shri Man Singh P. Patel: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any agreement to exchange tigers and cranes of Delhi Zoological Park for other continental animals with any private firm of Netherlands;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far the agreement has been carried out?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A barter arrangement was made in 1960 by the Delhi Zoological Park with Messrs Van Den Brink, a reputed firm of Holland dealing in animals and birds, for procurement of 6 Macaw Parrots, 24 Pheasants and a pair of

Chimpanzees in exchange of one pair of Tiger cubs, 5 Spotted Deer, 35 Saras Crane and 2 pairs of Leopards. The value of the barter deal was Rs. 9,120.

(c) Two Tiger cubs and 20 Saras Cranes valued at Rs. 4,726 were despatched by the Delhi Zoological Park. In return, 13 Pheasants and 6 Macaw Parrots valued at Rs. 3,330 were obtained from the Dutch firm. In view of the Dutch Government's ban on the import of split-hoofed animals into their country, the firm expressed its inability to complete the deal on the lines originally agreed upon. They were prepared to adjust the difference either in cash or by supplying other species. It is now proposed to close the deal by obtaining 10 rare Pheasants valued at Rs. 1,396 from the firm to cover the balance outstanding.

Mango crop in Bihar

1217. Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been exceptionally bumper mango crop throughout the State of Bihar this year;

(b) if so, in what other States there has been similar mango season; and

(c) reasons which have contributed to such good harvest of mangoes?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) to (c). This year the mango crop was exceptionally good in certain States for example Bihar. However, the information is being collected from all the States and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

गन्ने की कीमत

१२१८. श्रीमती रामदुलारी सिन्हा : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९६१-६२ के मौसम में किस राज्य में वास्तव में किस दर पर गन्ने के दाम दिये गये हैं;