

Strike in Texmaco, Calcutta

9388. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :
SHRI BHAGAWAN DAS :
SHRI SATYA NARAIN
SINGH :
SHRI GANESH GHOSH :
SHRI DEVEN SEN :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Texmaco factory near Calcutta is going to have a strike from the 16th April, 1968.

(b) whether it is also a fact that the owners have served extensive lay-off and retrenchment orders ; and

(c) if so, the steps which Government have taken to avert this strike ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The workmen of the two factories of TEXMACO at Belghoria and Agarpra, 24—Parganas went on strike with effect from 15.4.68.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A number of tripartite meetings were convened by the Labour Directorate of West Bengal Government for resolving the dispute. Attempts are being made by the Directorate for resumption of work in both the factories on the basis of a mutual agreement.

Ban on Manufacture of Milk Products

9389. SHRI KANWAR LAL
GUPTA :
SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL :
SHRI MAHANT DIGVIJAI
NATH :
SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN
BAJPAI :
SHRI T. P. SHAH :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have suggested a ban on the manufacture of *Khoa* and other milk products in Delhi ;

(b) is so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) the extent to which it will help to keep the procurement of milk in Delhi ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the *Halwais*

have represented to Government against this ban ; and

(e) if so, details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAGJIWAN RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Milk in liquid form is an essential item in the diet of children, invalids, nursing mothers and others. Low income group people may be able to afford a small quantity of milk. They cannot buy expensive milk products. The ban is necessary to ensure that adequate fluid milk is available in Delhi.

(c) It is difficult to estimate precisely the extent to which the ban will help the procurement of milk in Delhi. But if there is no ban, manufacture of *Khoa* and other milk products will continue, may even go up and will effect the availability of liquid milk in the market. Consequently available milk may sell much dearer.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Representations against the proposed ban have been received from the following :—

- (i) *Halwais*, Bakers and Restaurants Association Ltd., Delhi.
- (ii) The All India Hotels—*Halwais* Federation, Delhi.
- (iii) *Mava* Vyapar Sangh, Delhi (Regd.).
- (iv) *Khoya* Manufacturers and Sellers Association. The ban is considered by Government to be essential in the public interest for supply of fluid milk to the citizens of Delhi. There is similar ban in operation in Haryana wherefrom milk is procured for Delhi.

Procurement of Foodgrains

9390. SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA :
SHRI BENI SHANKER
SHARMA :
SHRI D. C. SHARMA :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of bumper crop, *Kharif* rice and *Jowar* pro-