

Milk Supply by D.M.S.

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Secretary of the Mazdoor Samaj Kendra and some ex-officials of the Delhi Milk Scheme in a press conference recently stated that even though new cards are not being issued by the Delhi Milk Scheme to the public, milk is issued through chits issued by the officials;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the both boys and girls working in milk booths are harassed if they do not issue milk against such chits;

(c) whether the Kendra has sent a memorandum to him urging a full enquiry into the various malpractices in the working of the Delhi Milk Scheme; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir. Temporary slips are issued under special circumstances, on medical grounds etc.

(b) No, Sir. If specific cases are brought to the notice of the Chairman, disciplinary action will be taken against the person found at fault.

(c) A memorandum regarding conditions of employment of part-time employees at milk depots of D.M.S. has been received.

(d) The matter is under examination.

Storage of foodgrains

6403. SHRI D. N. PATODIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the main recommendations of the Agricultural Prices Commission with regard to the storage of foodgrains;

(b) the action taken to implement them; and

(c) the efforts being made to make the agriculturists conscious of the benefits of proper storage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) The main recommendation in this regard is that the programme of building storage capacity in the public sector should be enlarged and rationalised and there should now be a shift in emphasis on expanding storage capacity in the interior, specially in the surplus States and in areas where the high yielding varieties are spreading.

(b) Action is already in hand to increase the storage capacity available with the Government, especially in the procurement areas and in this connection a crash programme of construction in the Punjab and Haryana has already been taken up. Proposals for immediate increasing the storage capacity, wherever inadequate, in other surplus areas are also under consideration.

(c) A statement showing the steps taken in this behalf is attached.

Statement

The efforts being made to make the agriculturists conscious of the benefits of proper storage are given, in brief, below:—

(i) Demonstrations were arranged on the methods of proper storage during the pilot project of "Save Grain Campaign" in some selected rural areas in different parts of the