

**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

country. Technical advice and literature/instructions on the subject are also being rendered/supplied.

- (ii) Regular training courses are being conducted at the Grain Storage Research and Training Centre, Hapur, for imparting training in different aspects of scientific storage of foodgrains.
- (iii) Designs for metal storage containers have since been developed including the "Hapur Thekka" which are suited for use by the farmers and these are being popularised. A number of commercial firms have taken up productions and supply of steel bins to the agriculturists on the basis of designs developed by Government. A seminar on "Storage of Foodgrains" was organised at Chandigarh during March, 1968, attended by representative of farmers, traders, cooperatives, research institutions etc. for discussing the ways and means to promote scientific storage of foodgrains at different levels of handling and popularise metal storage bins at farmer's level for avoiding damage to foodgrains while in their custody.
- (iv) In the field of rat control, anticoagulants for use as bait and Aluminium phosphide tablets for fumigation of rat burrows have been found effective. The State Governments have been advised to introduce these techniques in the Government Agricultural Farms to serve as a model for the agriculturists, traders, etc.
- (v) For insect control in rural storage, "Hapur Fume" (Ethylene dibromide fumigant packed in ampoules) developed

ed at the Training Centre, Hapur, are being popularised.

- (vi) Training of village level workers and other Extension officials is being carried out at Regional centres at Nabha, Simla, Bichpuri (Agra) and Udaipur. About 350 workers have been trained so far at these centres in techniques of rural storage.
- (vii) As a long term measure, a project for "Farm and Community Grain Storage Development" has been taken in hand with assistance from the United Nations Special Fund for undertaking applied research, demonstration and training programmes in grain storage.

#### Provident Fund Contributions

6404. SHRI K. M. KOUSHIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the compulsory rate of Provident Fund contribution by the employers and the employees at present;

(b) whether Government propose to raise the rate of such contributions; and

(c) the industries which are contemplated in such compulsory provident fund schemes?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI):

(a) (1) *Coal Mines Provident Fund*: 8 per cent of total emoluments.

(2) *Employees' Provident Fund*:

(i) 8 per cent of pay in 71 out of 112 industries/