

Preparation of Ghee in D.M.S.

1937. **Shri Lakhmu Bhawan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the reasons for preparing ghee in the Delhi Milk Scheme when the total requirement of milk in Delhi cannot be met with?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan**): The Delhi Milk Scheme prepares ghee from milk found unsuitable for issue as such. It is also prepared from surplus fat becoming available as a result of standardisation or toning of the milk. The buffalo milk procured by the Delhi Milk Scheme contains about 6.5 per cent fat whereas standardised milk contains 5 per cent fat and Toned milk 3 per cent fat, thus leaving a margin of fat with the scheme which is converted into ghee and butter. Preparation of ghee does not reduce the total quantity of milk issued.

D.M.S. Milk Cards

1938. **Shri Lakhmu Bhawan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Milk Scheme is not issuing new milk cards;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) when the new cards are proposed to be issued and on what basis?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan**): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Delhi Milk Scheme has decided to issue new milk cards to the extent of 10,000 litres of milk. Milk cards are being issued generally to applicants on waiting lists. So far new milk cards covering about 8,000 litres of milk have been issued.

Prices of Tur

1939. **Shri Madhu Limaye:**
Shri Bagri:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the wide differences in the prices of tur in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Agricultural Prices Commission has been asked to consider the question of controlling the prices of tur along with gram?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan**): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There may be various reasons for the differences in prices viz: transport cost, the distance between sources of supply and the consuming centres, varietal and qualitative variations in tur produced in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra and the price position of other foodgrains in the two States. It may be added that while in Madhya Pradesh the production of tur during 1964-65 had recorded a substantial increase over the preceding year, in Maharashtra it had registered a decline.

(c) No, Sir.

Research in Ragi Production

1940. **Shri Siddiah:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have conducted research in Ragi Production;

(b) whether any new varieties of Ragi have been evolved in any State farms;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Officers concerned who conducted the research have been suitably rewarded?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan**): (a) Research for