

certain ceilings viz. Rs. 75 lakhs for federations, Rs. 25 lakhs for wholesale societies in Metropolitan towns and Rs. 15 lakhs for other wholesale stores. It is hoped that this will remove the financial difficulties of the consumers co-operatives.

पंपिंग सैंट

1956. श्री गुलशन :

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरबा :

श्री बूटा सिंह :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पंजाब सरकार ने सितम्बर, 1964 में भारत सरकार से पंपिंग सैंट देने के लिए प्रार्थना की थी, और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो कृषि उपायन बढ़ाने में सहायता करने के लिए वे कब तक धिये जायेंगे।

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खान) : (क) पंजाब सरकार ने फरवरी, 1965 में खाद्य और कृषि मंत्रालय से प्रार्थना की है कि लघु सिंचाई कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत पम्प सैंटों की सप्लाई करने की व्यवस्था की जाये।

(ख) राज्य सरकार को परामर्श दिया गया है कि वह देसी विनिर्माता फर्मों के साथ, पम्प सैंटों की सप्लाई करने के बारे में कोई कारगर प्रवन्ध करने के लिए तकनीकी विकास के महा निदेशालय से सहायता प्राप्त करे।

Oberoi International Hotel

1957. Dr. Sarojini Mahishi: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the newly opened Oberoi International Hotel, New Delhi has been exempted from the

regulatory conditions stipulated by Government for the recognition of existing hotels;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons for allowing this hotel to charge rates which in effect are 50 to 100 per cent more than the Ashoka Hotels rates?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). No exemption has been granted to the newly opened Oberoi-Intercontinental Hotel, New Delhi (and not Oberoi-International Hotel) from the regulatory conditions stipulated by the Government for the recognition of new hotels.

(c) The rates of Oberoi-Intercontinental are for the room only whereas the rates of the Ashoka Hotel are inclusive of meals. The rates of Oberoi-Intercontinental include the service charge, sales-tax and local telephone calls whereas separate charges are levied for these items by the Ashoka Hotel. The rates of the two hotels are fixed on a different basis and it would not be correct to state that the rates of Oberoi-Intercontinental are 50 to 100 per cent more than the Ashoka Hotel rates. The rates of Oberoi-Intercontinental have been fixed keeping in view the investment and the operational cost of the hotel. These rates compare favourably with rates of other international hotels of corresponding standard in several other Asian countries.

Representation from Rice Millers Association

1958. Shri Kolla Venkaiah: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Rice Millers Association has presented a memorandum to Government in October this year;

(b) if so, the suggestions made and the demands contained therein; and