

back. The work, being complicated and voluminous, is time-consuming. The information required by the Research Station from time to time in connection with their investigations is being furnished by the Port.

Prices of Vegetable Oils

1556. **Shri Yashpal Singh:**
Shri Kapur Singh:
Shri Bagri:
Shri Madhu Limaye:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of vegetable oils has gone very high during the last three months; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Prices of major vegetable oils except Mustard oil have risen over the last three months by 10 per cent to 26 per cent in different cases.

(b) The steps taken to check the rise in prices include regulation of forward trading in non-transferable specific delivery contracts in groundnut and groundnut oil; imposition of strict margins in linseed and castor-seed futures contracts; regulation of bank advances against oilseeds and vegetable oils; continued restrictions on export of edible oilseeds and oils; imposition of restrictions on the use of edible oil for industrial purposes and non-edible uses; and imports of soyabean oil from the U.S.A. under PL 480.

Supply of Foodgrains to Mysore

1557. **Shri Basappa:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Mysore have asked the Centre to assure them of supplies of foodgrains for five to six months before statutory rationing could be introduced in Bangalore and other places; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Fisheries Plan

1558. **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri A. V. Raghavan:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a team of Soviet delegates toured the marine States to help Government in its plan for development of Fisheries;

(b) if so, when they completed the tour;

(c) whether they have submitted any report; and

(d) if so, the nature of recommendations made?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) and (b). A team from the U.S.S.R. consisting of a fishery expert, processing expert and harbour expert came to India for discussions and for getting first-hand knowledge of various fishing centres and the equipment in use. It has just completed its tour.

(c) and (d). The team of experts will give concrete suggestions about the equipment and assistance that the U.S.S.R. will be able to offer after further discussions with the Soviet Government in Moscow.

सहकारी शेती योजना

1559. श्री रामचन्द्र बीरप्पा : क्या सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अब तक भारत में किन-किन क्षेत्रों में सहकारी शेती योजना लागू की गई है; और