

श्री बागड़ी : इससे क्या फायदा है ?

Shri Daji: I asked what is the price at which it is imported.

Shri C. Subramaniam: I cannot immediately give a break-up. But as I said, the actual cost we incur and the freight and handling charges come to round about Rs. 51.

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 श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी :  
 श्री स० चं० सामन्त :  
 श्री सुबोध हंसदा :  
 श्रीमती सावित्री निगम :  
 श्री प्र० चं० बरध्ना :  
 श्रीमती मंमूना सुल्तान :  
 श्री बड़े :  
 श्री राम सहाय पाण्डेय :  
 श्री रा० बरध्ना :

क्या खाद्य, कृषि, सामवायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में बाजार में पहले खाद्यान्न मिल जाते थे परन्तु जिस दिन से खाद्यान्न की राशन व्यवस्था आरम्भ की गई है, वे अचानक ही गायब हो गये हैं;

(ख) क्या इस प्रकार रहस्यमय ढंग से अचानक खाद्यान्न गायब हो जाने के सम्बन्ध में कोई जांच की गई है; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो जांच का क्या परिणाम निकला है ?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri Shinde): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Is it a fact that even today it is possible for any citizen to go to the black markets of Delhi and purchase any quantity of foodgrains he likes? If so, how do Government think that it is not a fact that such of the foodgrains have disappeared?

The Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri C. Subramaniam): As soon as statutory rationing was introduced, we asked the traders to declare their stocks. There were declarations to the extent of indigenous wheat 10,034 quintals and rice 2,185 quintals and also various other articles. It is quite possible that some of the stocks are withheld without being declared. But it can only be a marginal quantity. Whatever might be the arrangement, however tight might be the cordon, I have no doubt in my mind that there are bound to be leakages.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: If the leakage is of a very small quantity, it does not very much affect the position. But when everything is under ration and when better stuff is available in the form of indigenous wheat in free market, how do Government say that the leakage is small, that is to say, when better qualities are available in large quantities, as much as one wants to purchase?

Shri C. Subramaniam: At a high price, perhaps a few individuals might be able to get whatever they require. It may be a quintal or two. But if it is a question of supplying the whole community, it will not be adequate. I do agree that particularly soon after the introduction of rationing some stocks may have been withheld and they may be making some profit. But in course of time, that would disappear, apart from these marginal leakages.

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी: दिल्ली में राशनग के लिए हफ्तों की जो गिनती की जाती है, वह साल भर के हफ्तों की तरह की जाती है,

जिसका नतीजा यह होता है कि चार सप्ताह कभी महीने की 30 तारीख को खत्म हो जाते हैं और कभी 1 तारीख या 2 या 3 तारीख को और इस तरह लोगों का एक हफ्ते का राशन मारा जाता है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार इस व्यवस्था में कोई सुधार करने की कोशिश करेगी, ताकि जिस व्यक्ति ने पिछले हफ्ते का राशन उधार लेकर गुजर किया है, उसका वह राशन जन्त न हो जाये और उस को वह मिल जाया करे।

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** Under this system, we do not lose anything. If it is on a monthly basis, the four weeks and then three days would not be there. But now it is from Wednesday to Tuesday. Therefore, there is no day lost.

**श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी :** मैं ने यह सवाल इसलिए पूछा है कि अगर पहली तारीख को सप्ताह खत्म हो गया, तो राशन नहीं दिया जाता है।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** मिनिस्टर साहब कहते हैं कि डूफते के हिसाब से राशन दिया जाता है।

**श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी :** होता यह है कि हफ्ता खत्म हो जाता है, लेकिन महीना अभी बाकी होता है।

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know the amount of ration that is issued to an individual item-wise, and the arrangements that have been made for supply of foodgrains when guests come to their houses?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** It is given at the rate of 2 Kg. per week per adult. We issue guest cards also if they happen to stay for more than two or three days, and on the basis of those guest cards, they can purchase.

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** Just now the hon. Minister stated that there

may be leakages, but we are quite sure that leakages are there. The Minister is also convinced that leakages are there. I would like to know from him what steps have been taken by the administration to see that these leakages are eliminated, because whatever happens in the capital makes an impact on other areas also?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** We are taking all possible steps. No human system is perfect. In spite of our best efforts, I do admit there are likely to be leakages.

**Shri R. S. Pandey:** May I know what measures have been adopted by the Government to avoid this adulteration which is very common so far as ration shops are concerned?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** We have several adulteration laws under which this is punishable. Whether it be ration shops or other private shops, they are liable to be prosecuted if they sell adulterated goods which are below specifications mentioned in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act. Therefore, that is quite a different thing, and we should have a machinery to check that also.

**Shrimati Akkamma Devi:** In 1965, it was decided that in addition to Kerala, statutory rationing would be introduced in all cities with a large concentration of population and in industrial areas. May I know whether this decision has been implemented in all cities with a population of one million and above and in selected areas with a population of one lakh and above?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** Out of cities with a population of one million and above, Bombay will be undertaking statutory rationing from 1st April or even a little before. With that, except Ahmedabad, all the other cities with a population of a million and above would have been brought under rationing.

## Paradeep Port

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\*392. **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**  
**Shri K. N. Tiwary:**  
**Shri Bade:**  
**Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:**  
**Shri Hukam Chand**  
**Kachhavalya:**  
**Shri Madhu Limaye:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**

Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has suggested to the Ministry of Railways to give high priority to rail link to Paradip Port which will be opened to iron ore traffic;

(b) whether chutes and conveyors have been built ahead of the target date to facilitate movement of iron ore direct from the mines;

(c) whether the port authorities have started stocking iron ore before the first ship calls at the port; and

(d) whether Paradip Port will be used to receive foodgrains imported from U.S.A. and, if so, whether rail facilities will be made available for transporting wheat to Bihar and U.P.?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Aviation (Shri C. M. Poonacha):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The erection of the iron ore handling plant has nearly been completed.

(c) About 55,000 tonnes of ore have been stocked near the plant.

(d) The question of using Paradip Port for handling foodgrains is under consideration. Paradip Port is, however, not connected by rail with the hinterland. All foodgrains unloaded at Paradip will have to be transported by road to Cuttack, which is at a distance of about 58 miles from the port and then railed to different destinations. An alternative also under consideration is to unload the grain at Paradip overside into coasting ves-

sels and to take the vessels to Calcutta.

**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** May I know what arrangements have been made to link it with the railway line?

**Shri C. M. Poonacha:** The matter is under consideration. Actually, the survey is being conducted by the railways to assess the traffic potential from the Nayagarh mining area, and after the survey is completed the final proposals regarding the construction of the railway will be taken up.

**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** May I know whether Government has made any estimate of the capacity of this port to receive foodgrains in addition to the export of iron ore?

**Shri C. M. Poonacha:** Yes, Sir. In addition to the 2 million tons of iron ore export possibilities, additional capacity to handle foodgrain imports up to about 90,000 tons has been considered.

**श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :** मंत्री महोदय ने बताया है कि रेलवे लाइन का निर्माण सरकार के विचाराधीन है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि उसका निर्माण कब तक हो जायेगा और यह प्रस्ताव कब तक कार्यान्वित हो जायेगा। मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूँ कि माल को जहाज से ले जाने में और रेलवे के द्वारा ले जाने में कितना-कितना खर्चा बैठता है।

**Shri C. M. Poonacha:** When the railway line is constructed, no doubt the transport cost element would be much less but during the 'in-between' the Orissa government have already planned for the construction of an express way which will handle iron ore movement at a very profitable rate.

**श्री मधु लिमये :** प्रदीप बन्दरगाह लोहे की मिट्टी निर्यात करने के लिये मधुयत बनाई गई है, लेकिन इस का वजन बहुत