

LOK SABHA

Monday, March 20, 1972/Phalgun 30
1893 (Saka)

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBER SWORN

SHRI KARNEGH MARAK—Tura
(Meghalaya)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**Fair Price Shops for Foodgrains
in States**

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*81. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HAL-
DER :

SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had asked the
State Governments to open fair price
shops for distributing food grains at con-
trolled prices through a circular recently;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the State Govern-
ments thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI
ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b).
During the past few months several circu-
lars were sent to State Governments advis-
ing them to strengthen and enlarge fair
price distribution of Government food-
grains at fixed price and to open more
fair price shops where necessary

(c) The State Governments have repoi-
ted to have taken necessary action.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA
HALDER I would like to know from the
Minister whether, after the opening of the
fair price shops, the price rise has been
checked or not

SHRI ANNASAHEB P SHINDE .
Marginally the price rise has been checked,
not only because of the opening of fair
price shops, but because of a number of
other measures taken by the Government
of India

SHRI P. GANGADEB In view of
the new distribution policy and in the
context of the paradoxical situation of
plenty with the rising cost of living, may
I know whether a reasonable relief will be
given to the consumer by further reducing
the controlled price of foodgrains distri-
buted through the fair price shops ?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE :
This matter is usually considered at the
Chief Ministers' conferences. We are go-
ing to have such a conference for consider-
ing the problems relating to the price
policy on rabi cereals on 8th April next
and perhaps this matter also would be
considered in that conference. Hon. mem-
bers will appreciate that this year on acco-
unt of several reasons—flood, dislocation of