

Milk Powder

388. **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether a simple technique of producing milk powder has been evolved at the National Dairy Research Institute at Karnal;

(b) if so, in what way the technique is different from the one already in use; and

(c) whether it has any corresponding change in the cost of the powder produced through the new process?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes.

(b) Drying of milk on an industrial scale is instantaneously done by the roller and spray drying methods involving the use of elaborate machinery and the powder obtained is soluble in water. The technique developed at the Institute is intended for drying skim milk on a small scale in rural areas. The milk is evaporated in an open pan over a fire place till it becomes semi-solid and then removed and dried in a hot air cabinet. The powder obtained is insoluble in water.

(c) The production cost of the insoluble powder is about Rs. 1.50 per kgm. It is not directly comparable with the production cost of soluble skim milk powder manufactured by the industrial processes.

Distribution of Improved Seeds

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

(a) whether Government propose to give special subsidy to cooperatives engaged in the distribution of improved seeds; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). With a

view to encourage institutional agencies like Panchayats, Cooperatives and other agencies recognised by the Agricultural Departments of the States to undertake distribution of improved seeds more extensively than at present, it has been decided by the Government of India that for improved seeds of foodgrains and pulses (other than hybrid maize), certified by the State Departments of Agriculture as to quality and purity, a premium upto Rs. 2 per maund, to be shared equally between the Centre and the States, would be admissible during the remaining period of the Third Plan.

डिलक्स गाड़ी

३६०. श्री बेरवा कोटा : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) डिलक्स गाड़ियों के चलने से सरकार को सन् १९६२ में कितना लाभ या नुकसान हुआ है; और

(ख) अगर नुकसान हुआ है, तो इसे बन्द न करने का क्या कारण है ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय म उपमंत्री (श्री सै० वें० रामस्वामी) : (क) और (ख). हर गाड़ी के लिए अलग-अलग हिसाब नहीं रखा जाता। अनुमान है कि १९६१-६२ में बड़ी लाइन पर एक सवारी गाड़ी को एक किलोमीटर चलाने से जो शुद्ध आमदनी हुई, वह उसके परिचालन-व्यय से ४३ नये पैसे कम रही।

12 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER
OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

REPORTED ENTRY OF NAGA HOSTILES INTO
INDIA THROUGH MANIPUR

Shri Hem Barua (Gauhati): Sir, I call the attention of the Prime Minister to the following matter of urgent

public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:

"The reported entry of Naga hostiles into India through Manipur."

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Sir, early in February, reports were received that armed hostile Naga groups were moving in the Chin Hills of Burma. Precautionary measures were taken in the Manipur area by the G.O.C., Nagaland.

One armed band numbering approximately 100 crossed into south-west Manipur from Burma on 19th February. Our security forces intercepted it on 25th February and, after exchanging fire, recovered 500 rounds of rifle ammunition and some explosives. There were no casualties. This Naga party then fled and is being pursued over difficult terrain by our security forces.

A second party whose strength is estimated at a little over hundred, crossed into south-east Manipur, but, in the face of patrolling by our security forces, rapidly returned to Burmese territory. The Burmese are reported to have reinforced their security posts in the area and our own forces are on the alert against any re-entry.

The Nagas in question are believed to be the same as those who had escaped through Cachar to Pakistan in May, 1962. There is no confirmation, however, that Kaito is leading them on their return. •

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that Rev. Michael Scott proposes to meet Mr. Kaito on a peace mission during his Peking march, may I know whether Government propose to encourage him to do so or to allow the law of the land to operate against Mr. Kaito and his followers for indulging in treasonable activities?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: The laws of the land will no doubt operate. There has been no obstruction to the laws operating against Kaito, except that he has been lately in non-Indian territory. As for Rev. Scott, I do not know if he is going to Nagaland.

Shri Hem Barua: He will go to Peking through Nagaland.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not know. This peace march is a lengthy affair lasting altogether, I am told, about a year and a half. There is no proposal of his going to Nagaland, so far as I know.

Shri Hem Barua: There was a statement made by Rev. Michael Scott himself to the effect that he is going to meet Mr. Kaito during his march to Peking through Nagaland.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: That may be his intention, but I do not think that he is likely to do so.

Shri Hem Barua: If he does, do the Government propose to encourage him to do so? That was my question and that has not been answered.

Mr. Speaker: That has been answered.

Shri Hem Barua: No, Sir. If he proposes to do so, I want to know whether the Government would bless this effort of Rev. Scott?

Mr. Speaker: The answer has come, namely, that might be his intention but he is not marching through Nagaland.

Shri P. K. Deo (Kalahandi): From the Prime Minister's statement, it is obvious that there is a nest in Burma, which has been harbouring these hostile Nagas. May I know if our Ambassador in Burma has been using his good offices with the Burmese Government to comb the entire area by India and Burma jointly, through joint police efforts?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I am not aware of any nest anywhere; it is a

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moving column. It is different from a nest. Ever since we have heard of it, as I have said, we informed the Burmese Government through our Ambassador and I understand they have taken some steps there.

Shri Bade (Khargone): Is it a fact that two battalions of S.A.F. from Madhya Pradesh were sent for fighting these Naga hostiles, that they were entrapped by the Naga hostiles and there were nine casualties? It is reported in the newspapers that our Home Minister had visited that place and there were nine casualties in that attack. Is it a fact?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Sir, I do not quite understand the hon. Member's question.

Mr. Speaker: Nor do I. Would he kindly repeat his question?

Shri Bade: Is it a fact that two battalions were sent from Madhya Pradesh and they were entrapped by the Naga hostiles resulting in nine casualties and the Home Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Govind Narayan Singh visited that place? It is reported in today's papers.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have not got all this information. I think, probably some armed police were sent there—possibly from Madhya Pradesh also—from various places. (*Interruption*).

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know whether they were entrapped and some were killed.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: They were sent there.

Shri Bade: The Home Minister of Madhya Pradesh went there.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I know nothing about the Home Minister of Madhya Pradesh going there. He might have gone there, I do not know.

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram

Subhag Singh): He had gone there and he has returned also.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not know. I can enquire if the hon. Member wants.

श्री बेरवा कोटा (कोटा) : क्या यह सच है कि अभी हाल में नागा विद्रोही नेता फिज़ो ने कोई चिट्ठी नागालैंड के मुख्य प्रशासक डाक्टर आओ को लिखा था ? उस चिट्ठी का क्या व्योरा था ?

प्रपक्ष महोदय : यह तो अलहदा सवाल है उसका इस से क्या मतलब है ?

Shri P. R. Chakraverti (Dhanbad): In view of the assuring statement of Michael Scott, host of Phizo in London, may we presume that the changed attitude of Phizo is followed by the return of hostile Nagas to the land where they rightly belong?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not quite know what conclusion he draws from Mr. Scott's statements here about the changed attitude of Mr. Phizo. If Mr. Phizo changes his attitude, it is good.

Shri Hem Barua: He has written to you. Has he not written to you?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Yes, he has sent a letter through Mr. Michael Scott.

Shri S. M. Banerjee (Kanpur): Sir, I have one submission to make. In today's newspapers there is a news item saying that after the announcement of the Budget proposals the prices of all essential commodities have gone up. We were assured in this House by the Finance Minister...

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. That cannot be taken up just now. Let us proceed.