

Food Processing units

*1106. SHRI GANANATH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given approval to a number of companies during the last 3 years for setting up food processing units;

(b) whether it is a fact that with the coming into field of such units the supply of raw fruits to market has considerably reduced as a result of which the prices of fruits have gone up;

(c) whether in order to make available fresh fruits to the common man at cheaper rates, Government propose to put a ban on further setting up of new food processing units; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The industry is utilising hardly 0.2 per cent of the total production of fruits and vegetables grown in the country. Processing industry has, therefore, no significant impact on availability or prices of fruits. In fact production of fruits and vegetables may be expected to increase when stability is provided by processing and preservation activities.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) It is necessary to develop the fruit Processing Industry in order to provide a reasonable price to the growers particularly during the period of glut and provide fruit products throughout the year.

श्री गणनाथ प्रधान : अध्यक्ष महोदय मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि पिछले तीन-चार साल में कितना वैजिटेबल और फ़ूट प्रोसेसिंग इंडस्ट्री को गया और उसका

कितने परसेंट एक्सपोर्ट किया गया ? कितना प्रोसेसड फ़ूट या वैजिटेबल का प्रोडक्शन हुआ और उसमें से कितना सरपलस हुआ ? जो सरपलस हुआ क्या उसको बाजार में ठीक दाम में बिक्री के लिए सरकार ने कोई ठोस कदम उठाये हैं ?

श्री भानु प्रताप सिंह : श्रीमन् एक-एक फल का तो हिसाब नहीं है। मैं यह निवेदन कर चुका हूँ कि कुल फल और सब्जी का 0.2 परसेंट प्रोसेसिंग में जाता है और प्रोसेसड किये हुए पदार्थों को या तो विदेशों को भेजा जाता है या हमारी सुरक्षा सेनाएं उनका उपयोग करती हैं। इन प्रोसेसड पदार्थों के मुख्य रूप से उपभोक्ता या तो विदेश हैं या हमारी सुरक्षा सेनाएं हैं। जहां तक इस बात का प्रश्न है कि इसकी बिक्री का कोई समुचित प्रबंध है या नहीं तो इसके लिए मुझे स्वीकार करना पड़ेगा कि फलों या सब्जियों की बिक्री का कोई समुचित प्रबंध नहीं किया जा सका है और उसकी आवश्यकता है। उसी का एक अंग है फलों का प्रिजर्वेशन क्योंकि ये फल मौसम में तैयार होते हैं। अगर उस समय उनके प्रिजर्वेशन का अधिक काम नहीं होगा तो उनकी कीमतें बहुत गिर जाएंगी और फिर किसानों को उन्हें पैदा करने का कोई उत्साह नहीं रहेगा।

श्री गणनाथ प्रधान : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि अभी तक इनका प्रोडक्शन बढ़ाने के बारे में क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ? क्या सरकार ने प्रोसेसिंग यूनिट्स बढ़ाने के लिये नये लायसेंस दिये हैं ? यदि हां तो पिछले तीन सालों में किस किस साल में कितने कितने लायसेंस लाई इंडस्ट्री को और कितने कितने लायसेंस स्माल स्केल इंडस्ट्री को दिये हैं ? मैं यह भी

जानना चाहता हूँ कि पिछले तीन सालों में कितने लोगों ने इसके लिए एप्लाइ किया है ? सरकार प्रोसेसिंग यूनिट्स बढ़ाने के बारे में माने क्या सोच रही है ?

MR. SPEAKER: If it is a long list you can place it on the Table.

SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH: All right, I will place it on the Table

World Atlas of the child

*1106. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the details of the world Atlas of the Child published by the World Bank depicting the wide disparity in the living, educational life expectancy and working standards for children up to the age of 14 in the developing and developed world; and

(b) the details of scheme proposed to be implemented by the Government during 1979 with the assistance of World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI RENUKA DEVI BARAKATAKI): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

(b) It is proposed to take up an Integrated Nutrition Improvement project in Tamil Nadu with World Bank assistance. It will have the components of nutrition delivery, integrated health delivery and monitoring and evaluation. The project has not emerged in a final shape as yet.

Statement

The World Bank has published a World Atlas of the Child in recognition of the International Year of the Child. Major sources of data in the Atlas are said to be the publications of the United Nations, United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), Inter-

national Labour Organisation (ILO) Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), World Health Organisation (WHO) and World Bank Country Economic Reports etc. The Atlas includes information and data on GNP per capita, population, number of children, birth rates and life expectancy, children in the labour force and education, etc.

India figures in the "developing low income group" with GNP per capita of US dollar 141. There are 19 other countries whose per capita income is less than that of India in the whole world. Average (median) GNP per capita of Asia, North and Central America and Europe are US dollar 642, 1007 and 3019 respectively.

Life expectancy at birth as in 1975 for India is shown as 49.5 years as against 56.0 years for Asia, 69.1 for North and Central America and 71.5 years for Europe. According to the World Atlas, 24.7 per thousand population were the children in labour force in India. This is against 14.2 in Asia, 1.3 in Europe and 6.5 in North and Central America. Primary enrolment ratio for India has been shown as 65 in 1975. This is against 90 for Asia, 102 for Europe and 107 for North and Central America.

SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: This question is mainly intended for the children. Since we are now passing through the International Year of the Child, Sir among the developing countries also—from the statement that has been laid on the Table of the House by the hon. Minister of State in the Ministry of Education—I feel that our country is far below even in life expectancy, availability of nutritional food, etc. and in the case of child employment we are topping the list. But the standards are very low. You are aware that in my State, that is, Tamil Nadu, particularly in the matches and crackers manufacturing area, very recently a lot of deaths occurred due to child employment. Now in view of the year being International Year of the Child, in order to give-