

source are they getting rice and money for the Children's Nutritious Food Programme? .. (Interruptions) They are not willing to say. They are forgiving all the faults committed by MGR.

MR. SPEAKER: He is answering but you are not allowing him.

SHRI R. V SWAMINATHAN: He is not allowing me to answer.

They have been asking for 80 to 85 thousand tonnes of foodgrains. And according to our basis we have agreed to give 35,000 tonnes per month and we have been allotting at the rate of 35,000 tonnes per month and they are being satisfied. They are satisfied with whatever allotment we have made.

So far as the statement is concerned, when asked them whether, you 'have diverted the food supplied by us for your children's nutritious food programme?' the State Government said, 'We have not diverted the food you have allotted to us.' Sir, when the State Government gives that report, we, the Central Government have to believe the State Government. We cannot go on accusing the State Government. Our Party governments are also there other Party Governments are also there, the Communist Party Governments are also there in the States. We cannot go on accusing them...

MR. SPEAKER: Whatever was said about the Father of the Nation will not form part of the proceedings.

SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: The Minister of State has very kindly made a statement, while giving the reply, that since Tamilnadu could not make proper procurement.. (Interruptions) as such he has not supplied Tamilnadu sufficient food.

Has it become the policy of the Government of India that for such States who cannot make a proper procurement due to scarcity of rain or due to drought you do not supply food? Is this the policy of the Government.

MR. SPEAKER: He has explained it already that he had asked for a memo-

randum and some other facts and figures. After that, they do it. He has replied only in that way.

Supply of wet foodgrains through F.P.S.

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\*105. SHRI SURAJ BHAN:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) details of disposal of the wet grains purchased by Government this year and found unfit for human consumption;

(b) total amount of expenditure on such grains;

(c) whether it is a fact that a certain percentage of such grains was being mixed by flour-mills to produce the Atta which has been and is being distributed through fair price shops in Delhi and elsewhere; if so, what has been the percentage; and

(d) what has been the comment of Public Health Authorities in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (d). The Food Corporation of India and other State agencies have procured wheat for Central Pool, as per the specifications laid down by Government of India. The specifications which were originally laid down were relaxed to enable FCI to acquire stocks of wheat which were rain affected, but could be used for human consumption. No relaxation in the prescribed moisture content of grain was given. Out of the quantity of wheat purchased for the Central Pool, wheat which is more affected by rains would be issued to roller flour mills along with good wheat and the mills are advised to clean and wash the grain so that the wheat products supplied by the flour mills are within the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act limits. In view of this fact, there is no occasion to obtain the comments of the Public Health Authorities.

श्री सुरज भान : अद्यक्ष महोदय, माननीय मंत्री जी ने अपने जवाब में माना

है कि जिन स्पेसिफिकेशन्स की तहत पहले गेहूं खरीदा जाता था उन स्पेसिफिकेशन्स को रिलैक्स किया गया है। आटा मिलों को गेहूं सप्लाय करते वक्त और स्पेसिफिकेशन्स को रिलैक्स करते वक्त—दोनों ही स्टेज पर हेल्थ मिनिस्ट्री की कोई राय नहीं ली गई। मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि आजकल पब्लिक में जो यह आम इम्प्रेशन फैला हुआ है कि न केवल दिल्ली में बल्कि देश के अन्य हिस्सों में फलू बुखार फैल रहा है वह इस खराब गेहूं के कारण... (व्यवधान) यह बात फैली हुई है।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** गलत फैली हुई है।  
Don't try to harm the farmers.

**श्री सूरज भान :** इसमें फार्मर्स का सवाल नहीं है। बदकिस्मती से यही बात टी वी पर भी कही गई थी, एफ सी आई के एक रिप्रेजेन्टेटिव ने कहा था कि लोग घरों में गेहूं धोते हैं, यहां कुदरत ने ही धो दिया है। मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहूंगा कि अभी कितना डेमेज्ड गेहूं सरकार के पास है और क्या इसको हर स्टेज पर डिस्ट्रीब्यूट करने से पहले आप हेल्थ मिनिस्ट्री की राय लेंगे ताकि पब्लिक को और ज्यादा नुकसान न पहुंचे ?

**SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:** Sir, our specific instruction is that when the flour mills mix the rainaffected wheat, they have firstly to clean and wash it and secondly with that wheat, good wheat should be mixed. This has been our clear instruction. Even the health authorities who examine this wheat also certify that it is fit for human consumption. The Prevention of Food Adulteration Act is there and that Act has to be complied with by them. Therefore, it is not necessary for us to refer the matter to the Health Department.

**श्री सूरज भान :** अध्यक्ष जी, मंत्री महोदय का कहना है कि धोने के बाद

गेहूं ठीक हो जाता है लेकिन क्या जिस गेहूं में बीमारी लगी हुई है वह भी धोने से ठीक हो जायेगा ? बारिश के कारण डेमेज्ड व्हीट ही सरकार ने प्रोक्थोर नहीं किया है बल्कि दूसरा गेहूं भी खरीदा है। मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो डेमेज्ड व्हीट आपके स्टॉक में है उसको ह्यूमन कंजम्शन के लिए रिलीज करने के बजाये क्या आप मिलिट्री डेरी फार्मर्स तथा अन्य फार्मर्स को रिलीज करेंगे और ह्यूमन कंजम्शन के लिए अगर रिलीज करना ही हो तो क्या पहले हेल्थ डिपार्टमेंट की सैक्शन लेंगे और फिर रिलीज करेंगे ?

**MR. SPEAKER:** No question. Shri Vajpayee—not here. Shri Banatwalla.

**SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA:** Sir, the wheat which is of bad quality is being supplied specially to the flour mills. Now, this is very adversely affecting specially the quality of the bread which is a common man's food. We are told here that the wheat which is more affected by rains would be issued to the Roller Flour Mills along with the good quality wheat and the mills are to mix both the wheat for bread production. I would like to know that in the interest of the quality of bread, have the Government fixed any ratio in which the rain soiled wheat and the good quality wheat will be supplied to the flour mills because the quality of bread made available in Bombay is very bad. Is there any ratio fixed in which the rain-soiled wheat and the good wheat which are being supplied to the flour, mills would be mixed for the production of bread?

**SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:** This question requires notice.

(Interruptions)

**Survey regarding provision of basic amenities to cities**

\*106. **SHRI ANATHA RAMULU MALLU:** Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey regarding the colonies in me-