

दोनों को बढ़ाने की आवश्यकता है। केवल कोयले पर ही बिजली बनाना ठीक नहीं होगा और केवल पानी पर ही बिजली बनाना ठीक नहीं होगा। हम दोनों का एक अनुपात रखते हैं ताकि मानसून की कुछ कमी हो, तो दूसरे से पूरी कर लें। इस को ध्यान में रखकर योजना बनाते हैं।

Use of Cold Storage Facilities by Traders to Increase Prices in Delhi

*28. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether cold storage facilities are being used by the traders to increase the prices of consumer goods like vegetables, eggs, etc., in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken against the traders who are hoarding such items in the cold storage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A C GEORGE) (a) and (b). To prevent hoarding of vegetables by traders, cold storages in Delhi have been prohibited from stocking vegetables other than potatoes. Proprietors of cold storages are prosecuted in the event of violation of this Order. As regards eggs, no such Order has been issued as cold storage of eggs is necessary for ensuring continuous supply.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Though the Minister has said in his reply that it has been prohibited, I would say that it is not correct because such complaints are coming on a large scale that hoarding of vegetables and fruits through these cold storages are there which has resulted in escalation of prices. What Government is doing to prevent all these?

SHRI A. C. GEORGE: This Order is being implemented very strictly. Recently we conducted raids on 13 cold storages. Only in one case we were able to detect contravention of this Order. In 12 cases there was no hoarding at all.

All the same, it is our intention to see that there is no hoarding.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: The intention is good.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE. That is precisely why, Madam, I said that out of 13 raids recently conducted just 10 days back, we were able to detect only one case in the other 12 cases there was no hoarding at all. All the same, we will take measures to see that these essential items of mass consumption are readily available and that hoarding and high prices are not resorted to.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Apart from Delhi, what about the other areas in the country where the same thing is continuing? Also what is being done about the charges for cold storage facilities, because those charges are very high and also have their impact on the prices?

MR. SPEAKER: The question is about Delhi, and the answer is about Delhi.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: He knows about all-India.

MR. SPEAKER: On that, you put another Question.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: I had asked about charges. The charges are very high. What is being done?

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: Cold storage is for food articles; and concessional rates are being implemented for electricity charges.

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : अध्यक्ष जी, यह बात सच है कि कुछ महीने पूर्व दिल्ली में एक अंडे की कीमत 35 पैसे थी और अब वह 50 पैसे हो गई है और कहीं-कहीं वह 55 पैसे भी है। नार्थ एवेन्यू में एक अंडा 50 पैसे का मिलता है और कहीं पर वह 55 पैसे में भी मिलता होगा तो क्या ऐसा इसलिए हुआ है कि अंडे विक्रेता अपने अंडों को शीतलागर में रखते हैं ? अगर इस अनुपात में साग सब्जियों के मूल्यों में भी वृद्धि हुई है, तो सरकार ने उस रोकने के लिए कौन सा कार्यवाही की है।

मैं यह भी जानना चाहूंगा कि दिल्ली में ऐसे कितने साग-सब्जी या अंडे विक्रेता हैं जो इस मुविघा का इस्तेमाल कर रहे हैं और सरकार उन से कितना किराया वसूल करती है ?

SHRI A. C. GEORGE: It is true that the prices of eggs went up in recent months. We called a meeting of the main poultry keepers in and around Delhi: and their complaint was that the poultry feed price has gone up. And it has no relevance to the cold storage. By the very nature of the egg, it needs cold storage, because the perishability aspect has to be taken care of (*Interruptions*)

Sir, I was only saying that basically, by their very nature, eggs need cold storage. It may vary from season to season. In summer, it may need more and in winter, we may have to take some other precaution. All the same in the light of the recent meeting that we called of the poultry keepers, we are making necessary arrangements to see that the poultry feed is provided at a lower price; and we are taking all measures to see that the provision

of this item also, of mass consumption is facilitated.

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Mr Speaker, Sir, the cold storage facility is only meant to preserve food articles for a longer time. And that is a necessity. During the season, most of the articles are available; and in the lean season and non-season, they have to be preserved. I want to know whether the Minister is going to see that it is not hoarded or he is going to attend to the preservation of the food articles. I also want to know whether the Minister is going to keep Mr. Shastri's question in cold storage.

SHRI A C GEORGE: We cannot ignore the importance of some of these articles being kept in cold storage, so that the lean-period requirements could be met. But if there is going to be created a shortage of any particular item at any time, we shall certainly scrutinize the working of the cold storages, so that at that time, this does not result in hoarding and that the normal operation which ought to be done for preservation and storage is not converted into hoarding.

Growth Rate in Industries

*30. DR RANEN SEN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state-

(a) whether the growth rate in the potential production index of manufacturing industries has declined in 1975;

(b) if so, the reasons and facts thereof; and

(c) the figures for 1973, 1974 and 1975?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.