

the benefit of receiving bulk carriers carrying the imported crude or for exporting iron ore from here.

That is the main reason why the traffic at Calcutta port has gone down. As regards surplus water, we are trying to get the feeder canal completed. In fact, much of the work has already been done. As regards utilisation of surplus water, this has to be decided between the two Governments. It is not possible for us to tell anything in this regard at the moment.

SHRI SAKTI KUMAR SARKAR : In view of his answer, it is quite clear that water from the feeder canal through Jangipura Canal is quite uncertain and there is no possibility of developing both Calcutta and Haldia ports. In view of this, may I ask the hon. Minister whether he is aware of the fact that one expert Shri Kali Bhattacharya has said that 10 miles long high dike is necessary by the side of sagar island for maintenance of traffic at Haldia as well as Calcutta ports. If so, I want to know whether he is going to take up that suggestion.

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE : So far as the views of the expert mentioned by the hon. Member are concerned, I am not aware of that. But so far as the water is concerned from Farrakka I am not as pessimistic as my hon. friend* is.

DR. RANEN SEN : The Minister has said that bigger ships will have access to Haldia port. May I know whether it is a fact that the very conception and the structure of Haldia port is that it would not permit vessels above 1 lakh tonnes to be docked in Haldia? Also, whether it is a fact that the present tendency is to have vessels above 1 lakh tonnes and more. If so, how these bigger ships would come to Haldia and what is the attitude of the Government in this regard.

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE : By 1980 we expect to have a draft at Haldia to the extent of 40 feet and,

thereafter, bigger ships would be able to arrive at Haldia.

Short Fall in Production of Oil Seeds due to Frost and Cold Wave

*426. **SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the effects on rabi crop, especially on oil seeds, of frost during the recent cold wave ; and

(b) the measures proposed to be taken by Government to meet short fall in the production of this commodity ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) Frost during the cold wave in the northern region might have hampered the growth of some of the rabi crops including rapeseed and mustard in parts of unirrigated areas. Apart from frost, the production of rabi crops would depend on a number of other factors including the favourable conditions of soil moisture that prevailed at the sowing time, deficiency of rainfall during the winter season, overall shortage of fertilisers and weather conditions in the remaining part of the season. Final estimates of production of rabi crops for 1973-74 would become available towards the close of the agricultural year, i.e., some time in July-August, 1974.

(b) The following measures have been taken to meet the short fall in the production of oilseeds and oils in the country and to check the rise in their prices :

- (i) augmentation of supplies through imports of various oilseeds, oils and tallow to the extent feasible ;
- (ii) encouraging larger crushing of cotton seed and rice-bran oils ;

- (iii) promoting greater utilisation of minor oilseeds of tree origin ;
- (iv) restricting the use of groundnut oil and mustard oil by utilisation of several substitute oils in the manufacture of vanaspati ;
- (v) increasing the production of traditional as well as non-traditional oilseeds like soyabean and sunflower ; and
- (vi) regulation of bank credit and forward trading.

Recently the State Governments have been requested to take measures to check speculative trading and hoarding of stocks in oilseeds and oils.

SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH : Sir, firstly, I would like to draw your attention to the first sentence of the statement which reads :

“Frost during the cold wave in the northern region might have hampered the growth of some of the rabi crops including rapeseed and mustard in parts of unirrigated areas.”

Sir, what is this ‘might have’. The Government is supposed to give a categorical reply.

Sir, in the statement it has been stated that Government is taking steps to encouraging larger crushing of cotton seed and rice-bran oils. I would like to know from the Government what is the estimate of the Government of edible oil extracted from rice-bran. It has been suggested by agricultural scientists that they expect 300 thousand tonnes of edible oil from rice-bran. If this estimate is correct what steps have been taken by the Government to extract edible oil from rice-bran. Bihar being a fertile area for rice growing whether the Government is planning to have some factory for extracting edible oil from rice-bran in Bihar ?

SHRI F. A. AHMED : So far as the first question, which has been raised by the hon. Member, is concerned I would like to point out to him that apart from the failure of winter rains and the effect of cold-wave in the third week of December there are also other factors which have to be taken into account. After the harvest is collected we shall be able to know to what extent the effect has been on account of frost and winter in the month of December.

So far as the other question is concerned, it is true that extraction of edible oil from rice-bran will not be a very big quantity but we are making an effort. Some quantity will be available from rice-bran which will be used for the requirements of edible oil as well as for other industries.

SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH : In the end of the statement the Minister has said :

“Recently the State Governments have been requested to take measures to check speculative trading and hoarding of stocks in oilseeds and oils”

I would like to know how this request of the Central Government has been implemented by the State Government ?

SHRI F. A. AHMED . So far as this question is concerned, as the hon. Member is aware, we have taken action for the purpose of stopping forward trading in oilseeds and oils.

So far as the other part of the question is concerned, my information is that all the State Governments are taking necessary action to see how they can dehoard the oils and oilseeds which are in scarcity

श्री सरजू पांडे : अध्यक्ष जी, सरकार ने खुद माना है कि पाये की वजह से मरमो की कमी हुई है। तो हम बात को देखने हूये जैसे कि देश में खाने के तेल की कमी है सरकार क्या व्यवस्था कर रही है जिस से लोगों को तेल मिल सके ? इस के लिये सरकार कोई योजना बना रही है कि नहीं ?

श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद यह तो मैं ने जवाब में बताया है कि जो हमारे मुल्क में तेल की कमी है और घायल सीड की कमी है उस को पूरा करने के लिये क्या-क्या स्टेप्स लिये हैं। इस के अलावा जहाँ तक हमारे लिये मुमकिन हो सकता है हम बाहर से भी घायल और घायल सीड इम्पोर्ट करेंगे। लेकिन आज कीमतें बढ़ने की वजह से और इन्टरनेशनल मार्केट में कमी होने की वजह से भी हमारी दिक्कत है। लेकिन कुछ मुल्का ने हम को रेप सीड और रेप सीड घायल देने का वायदा किया है, और हम उम्मीद करते हैं कि उन मुल्को से हमारा पाम मान प्रायेगा तो किसी हद तक हमारी कमी पूरी होगी।

SHRI R S PANDFY The statement placed before the House is very vague. The first part has given a very depressing picture and the second part says that recently the State Governments have been requested to take measures to check speculative trading and hoarding of stock in oilseeds and oils. It is all right that the Central Government request the State Governments but the people of this country are very much concerned about what steps the State Governments have taken concretely in order to bring down the prices and to make things available.

MR SPEAKER That is already there in the statement.

SHRI R S PANDFY . Mere request will not do

SHRI F A AHMED So far as the shortage is concerned, Government have taken a number of steps and those have been enumerated in my reply to part (b) of the question. In addition we have asked the State Governments to take all the action possible for the purpose of dehoarding oils and oilseeds and some State Governments are taking action and that is producing results.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी क्या मंत्री महाशय का स्थान गुजरात के अखबारों से छपी हुई इन खबरों की ओर गया है कि बिमल भाई सरकार

ने तेल बनाने वाले मिल मानिको से 25 लाख रु० ले कर उन को तेल का काम बढ़ाने की छूट दे दी ...

SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE : How is it relevant ? There must be some semblance of relevance.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी अध्यक्ष जी, आज जवाब देखिये इस सवाल का .

"Recently, the State Governments have been requested to take measures to check speculative trading and hoarding of stocks in oilseeds and oils."

राज्य सरकारों को आदेश दिये गये हैं।

अध्यक्ष महाशय यह कहा में कोट कर रहे हैं प्राय ?

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी इन का स्टेटमेंट देखिये, यह में कोई जेल से नहीं लाया है।

अध्यक्ष महाशय बात यह है कि मैं तो ओरिजिनल प्रश्न देखा हूँ। लेकिन डिपार्टमेंट ने जो दिया है उस से तो माननीय वाजपेयी का सवाल पैदा होता है।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी मंत्री जी न जो पैदा किया है उस में से हम पैदा कर रहे हैं। उन्होंने जो जवाब दिया है उसमें से ही यह सवाल निकलता है।

अध्यक्ष महाशय जरूर कीजिये।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी अध्यक्ष जी, यह मामला बहुत गम्भीर है। गुजरात की नव-निर्माण मन्दिन ने मिल मानिको में बातचीत करके उन की टाक को टैप रिफाई किया है जिसमें मिल मानिको ने माना है कि उन्होंने 25 लाख रु० दे कर तेल के काम बढ़ा लिये।

श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद . अगर अखबारों में छपी हुई बातों से हम गाढ़ होयें तो उन में तो पता नहीं क्या-क्या निकलना है और बड़ी दिक्कत पैदा हो जायेगी।

श्री अरुण सिन्हाजी काजनेजी : मैंने कहा कि उस का टेप रिकार्ड मौजूद है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मंत्री जी, आप जवाब उन को दीजिये। बात तो यह है कि प्रश्न तो था कोल्ड वेब और प्रोडक्शन का। लेकिन यह जो आप ने इतना कुछ जवाब में जोड़ दिया है उस की वजह से सवाल पैदा होता है। मिनिस्टर माहवान जब जवाब दिया करे तो कम से कम यह तो देख लिया करें कि रेलीवेट जवाब है कि नहीं, बरना खामबवाह अपना हैडगक बढ़ाने है, मेर हैडगक बढ़ाने है और मेम्बरो का भी हैडगक बढ़ाने है।

श्री फकहदीन खली अहमद : उम में यह था कि क्या-क्या मीजर्स लिये है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : उम में से चिमन भाई निकल आये ना।

श्री शंकर बयाल सिंह : मान्यवर मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हू कि भारत सरकार के पास क्या राज्यवार विवरण है कि किस राज्य में शीत लहर के कारण कितनी क्षति हुई है?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह हो चुका है, आप बाद में आये है।

World Wide Shortage of Sugar

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427. SHRI NIHAR LASKAR .

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE
SHARMA .

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been reported in the press that there would be world wide shortage of sugar soon;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government of India thereto, and

(c) whether sugar production in India will be less this year ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government propose to review and decide from time to time the quantity of sugar to be exported this year taking into account the production prospects, requirements for internal consumption and the prevailing international prices of sugar.

(c) No, Sir.

SHRI NIHAR LASKAR : In view of the fact that there are bright prospects of sugar output in the current year, the production being reported to be 45 million tonnes against 3 million tonnes last year with the resulting better supply position in the current year and also because there is better international export potential because of increase in sugar prices, why has not Government come to a firm decision yet about the export quantum of sugar because we need foreign exchange badly ?

SHRI F. A. AHMED The hon. member is under a wrong apprehension that there is no decision. Government have taken a decision, but there are certain things which have to be done in their own way. But one has not to be vociferous about these matters.

SHRI NIHAR LASKAR There is a feeling current in the country that Government are exporting sufficient quantity of sugar ignoring the internal demand ? If so, will the Minister come out with a statement ?

SHRI F. A. AHMED . I have already said that these actions are being taken having regard to the production and actual internal requirement and also the necessity to export. Action is being taken accordingly.

श्री नवल किशोर शर्मा : अध्यक्ष जी, मंत्री जी ने अपने प्रश्न के उत्तर में यह कहा है कि दस में इस समय चीनी की कमी है और उस बारे में कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिये। मैं उन में जानना चाहूँगा कि हमारे