would become the granary of India. Now, in view of the food shortage in the country, would it not be advisable that some quick action is taken to see that the work is taken up on a war footing and the canal completed early?

SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH: We are aware of the difficulties and we have, therefore, allocated more funds this year in the coming Plan for this canal.

DR. MAHIPATRAY MEHTA: According to the original plan, this canal was proposed to be extended to the Port of Kandla to give an opening to the sea for the States of Rajasthan and Punjab as also for defence purposes. Now, I would like to know whether they are going to stick to the original plan or are they going to revise it?

SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH: As I had explained earlier, recasting is already in process and it depends on the availability of water—how much water will be available for this canal Therefore, at this stage, it cannot be said whether it shall be possible to connect it with the sea. (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER. Order, please, Kindly keep sitting.

Now, we move on to the next question.

Raids on Dealers in Essential Commodities in Delhi

*482. SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the enforcement staff of Delhi Administration had recently raided the premises of nearly 184 licenced dealers in essential commodities such as Fair Price Shop owners, wheat licences and bread dealers in Delhi;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHNDE): (a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

Statement

As per information made available by the Delhi Administration, 184 licencees/dealers were checked for detecting hoarding, black-marketing etc. during the period from 1 11.1974 to 15.11.1974. Out of these irregularities were detected in 150 cases. Departmental action have been taken in 138 cases and 9 cases have been registered under Defence of India Rules and 3 under Essential Commoditier Act 1955.

श्रीमती सावित्री ज्याम मदी है ।य ने उतनी ही जार गर्र दी है जिनकी मेरे प्रकत में है। उन्होंने भी स्टेट रेट में यही हा है वि: 184 लाइसे पीज या डील ई की चैं। ग हई जोविः मेरे प्रश्रः में भी है। कुछ प्रधित जारः नारी मनी महोदय ने गृही दी है। जिस तरह से ये लाइनेस होल्डर या डंगार जन साधारण के जीवा के साथ खिलागड़ कर रहे हैं उसने बदा इन बात का पता नहीं बलता है वि इ फोर्समेट डिपार्टमेंट के लोग इनके साथ मिले हुए हैं भीर चुंगी चंकियों पर माल पैसे ले कर जाने दिया जाता है, पैसे ले करके दोषी व्यक्तियों को छोड़ दिया जाता है। क्या मन्नी महोदय की जाननारी में यह बात नहीं है ? क्या मंत्री महोदय की इसकी जानकारी भी नहीं है कि युव काप्रेस के कार्यवतिकों ने पहाड्गज के एवः डीलर के यहा अनशन निया, छापा मारने की बात कही, तभी एनफोर्समट डिपार्टमेंट के लोगों ने उस डीलर को पकड़ा, उसके खिलाफ एक्शन लिया । मैं जानना चाहती हं सि एनफोसंमेंट दिपार्टमेंट और चूगी चौकी के इन कर्मचारियों के बिसाफ प्राप क्या एक्सम के रहे हैं जोकि डीसर्च के साथ मिले हुए हैं ?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: In the course of this year more than 9000 raids were carried out. To blame the inspecting staff in a general way would not be correct. If any individual cases are brought, we will take up with Delhi Administration. But by and large very large number of actions have been taken. Cases registered were 694. Cases in which licences were cancelled were 53. Cases convicted were 32. Case acquitted one; cases pending trial 487, cases pending investigation 106 and so by and large action has been taken in respect of these cases.

भीमती सावित्री स्थाम डील्फ् ब्रांट लाइसेस होल्ड्जं के खिलाफ तो एकं न दिना का रहा है लेकिन प्रकायह है कि एन्फोर्समेट डिपार्टमेंट के लोगों क खिलाफ भी जो इन के साथ मिले जुले हैं, आप बताए कि आपने आज बन क्या एककं दिया है। इसकी जानवारी मैं चाइती हूं।

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: I have already replied to that. If specific cases are brought we shall take up with Delhi Administration.

SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM; He has not replied to my question.

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: Enforcement machinery works under Delhi Administration. I said we will take up with Delhi Administration.

भी इहसाक सम्भली : क्या भरकार की जानकारी में यह बात है कि पिछले दिनों जो छापे मारे गए दिल्ली के अन्दर और कुछ स्मथलवं की पकड़ छकड़ हुई उस का भतीजा यह हुआ कि एसेंशियक समोविटीय के दाम कुछ गिरे ? मिनिस्टर साहब ने बताया है कि कितने लोगों को पकड़ा थ्या और कितनों पर केसिस चल रहे है । सकिन उसके बाद से इन छापों का सिलसिला बन्द हो ग्या है । इसका मतीचा यह है कि चीजों को कीमतें किर से उसी ववें पर पहुंच रही हैं वहां छापों के पहले थीं । बखीरा ग्रंदोनों ग्रीर बोर बाजारियों के खिलाफ छापे मारने का जो-सिलसिला बन्द कर दिया गया है क्या उसकी वजह से ही कीमतें नहीं बढ़ रही हैं यदि हां तो इस निलम्लि को कब से ग्राप गुरु करने जा रहे हैं ?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: I don't think Delhi Administration has failed to take action. Of course, one may have a different judgment about the adequacy of action taken. That is a different matter. But if the hon. Member wants to make any specific suggestion we shall welcome it.

भी इसहाक सम्भली : यहा क लोगों पर क्या गुजर रही है, क्या इसना सदाजा आपको है ? दिल्ली का अनर कारे हिन्दुस्तान पर पड़ रहा है । छापे मारने का जाम आप ने बन्द कर दिया है । श्रीमती सावित्र स्थाम ने सही पूछा है कि एनफोर्ममेट डिपार्ट-मेट जो ठडा होकर रह ग्या है या जिलको ठडा कर दिया ग्या है, आखिरकार इसकी वजह क्या है ? क्यों नहीं फिर से छापे मारने का किलिसना गुरू किया जाता है ?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: Sir, I shall take up the matter with the Delhi Aministration to keep up the tempo against the hoarders and blackmarketeers.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister if it has come to his notice that a very large number of people, particularly, the labourers, in Delhi who are living here for a long time do not get their ration cards or they have not been given any ration cards. The procedure that is being adopted is very cumbersome. Has this come to the notice of the Minister? If not, will he kindly look into this to see that thousands of these poor people who are not geting the sation cars get them quickly?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: I have all my sympathics for these underprivileged people whom the hon. Member is pleading for. But, my difficulty is that in Delhi there are about five to 10 lakhs of bogus units. This is really posing a problem. If there are genuine problems for the poorer sections of the society and if they can be brought to our notice, I shall take up the matter with the Delhi Administration.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: But no cards have been given to these people who are living here for a long time. Hundreds of them have met me; they are living here but the have not yet got their ration cards.

SHRI MOHANRAJ KALINGARA-YAR: Sir, the Delhi Enforcement authorities have raided about 184 licensed holders for the essential commodities. Some of their licences have been cancelled after the raid while some of the licences have again been extended in certain cases I would like to know what is the main policy of the Ministry in this regard—do they differentiate as between big blackmarketeers and hoarders and small ones? I want to know whethes everyone of them is treated alike.

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: Of course, malpractices between the big hoarders and profiteers and small ones have to be differentiated. But, nobody—even a small fair price shop ewner—has any authority to commit irregularities or malpractices. Therefore, the law may have to take its own course against mybody who commits the breach of law.

भी सनसाय मिथा: प्रश्न के उत्तर में मंत्री महोदय ने बताया है कि 1 नवस्वर से 15 नवस्वर तक 184 केसों की जांच पड़तान की गई जिन में से 150 केसिन सनियमित पाए गए । क्या इससे ो प्रश्न स्थार कर सामने नहीं धारी हैं ? एक मिनिस्तताएं— खड़क्के से चल रही है और जो भापकी मशीन री है बह इन परकाबू पाने में अक्षम है। मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि इन दोनों पर नियंत्रण पाने के लिए भाप क्या कर रहे हैं।

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: Because of action taken during the last few months in Delhi, I think the malpractices have gone down and the Delhi Administration have succeeded in reducing them. I cannot claim that these have been eliminated. That is not possible. This had a salutory effect en the prices and availability of essential commodities in Delhi. I think that by and large this has helped in disciplining the trades.

भी कै • सोहन लाल: प्राप कहते हैं शि स्टाफ बहुत ग्रम्छा काम कर रहा है। बह इतना ग्रम्छा काम कर रहा है कि उसकी मेहरबानी से ही पिछले दो साल में ग्यारह लाख बोगस कार्ड बने हैं दिल्ली में । में जानना चाहता हू कि क्या ये बभी कम हांगे भीर होगे तो कब तक भीर इसके लिए भापने कौन सा तरीका भ्रमनाया है ?

आपका स्टाफ जो छापे मारता है ऐसी दूकानों पर मारता है जहां कुछ नहीं मिलता है और नाम हो जाता है कि हमने इतने छापे मारे हैं। ऐसे इस्पैक्टर्ज जिन के इलाकों के अन्दर छापे मारे गए हैं इनफोर्स-मेट की तरफ से, उनको भी कोई सखा दी गई है?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: Of course we shall seek the cooperation of the hon. Member and the public. This is not confined to Delhi alone.
This is an all-India problem in all
metropolitan cities. In fact, the Delhi
Administration is taking steps. In
practice, this is found to be a very
difficult proposition unless there is
public cooperation in the matter.