

Hotels*765. **Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:****Shri K. Haldar:****Shri Bhagaban Das:****Shri E. K. Nayanar:****Shri C. K. Chakrapani:**

Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) the minimum floor space required for a single room and double room in a one-star hotel, two-star hotel, three-star hotel, four-star hotel and five-star hotel;

(b) the number of complaints of overcharges and high rates in respect of all the approved hotels in India received by Government during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken against the offenders?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) Uniform floor area standards prescribed for single and double room in hotels applying for government approval under all the star classifications, is as follows:

Non airconditioned single rooms	180 sq. ft.
Non airconditioned double rooms	220 sq. ft.
Airconditioned single rooms	140 sq. ft.
Airconditioned double rooms	180 sq. ft.

(b) Number of complaints—20.

This includes complaints of charges being levied for the full day when guests have actually spent less than 24 hours in the hotel, discrepancy in the actual rates and the rates given out by Agencies overseas, guests having had to pay for the meals they did not eat and in one case error in totalling.

(c) All the complaints are taken up with the hotels and in most cases settled to the satisfaction of the complainant. In the interest of good business many hotels refund the money

they are stated to have overcharged even when they are justified in not doing so.

Transport of Wheat from Calcutta to Assam

*766. **Shri B. N. Shastri:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat allotted to Assam is lying in the Central godown at Calcutta for want of transport facilities as the steamer service through Pakistan is closed; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

भारत में दूध तथा मक्खन के उत्पादन के बारे में खाद्य तथा कृषि संगठन का प्रतिवेदन

*768. **श्री मोल्लू प्रसाद :****श्री रवि राय :****श्री महाराज सिंह भारती :****श्री राम सेवक यादव :**

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत में दूध तथा मक्खन आदि के उत्पादन में निरन्तर हो रही कमी के बारे में संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघ के खाद्य तथा कृषि संगठन ने अपने हाल के वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन में चिन्ता प्रकट की है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि उस वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन में यह भी उल्लेख किया गया है कि इससे खाद्यान्न के उत्पादन तथा व्यापार पर कुप्रभाव पड़ा है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या दूध तथा मक्खन आदि के उत्पादन में कमी होने के परिणाम स्वरूप खाद्यान्न की खपत में वृद्धि हुई है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सारे देश में दूध तथा मक्खन आदि के उत्पादन को बढ़ाने के लिए गत पांच वर्षों में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा रूढ़ि-कार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्ना साहिब शिन्दे) : (क) यश्री भारत सरकार को संयुक्त राष्ट्र के खाद्य एवं कृषि संगठन का हाल ही का वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है। अतः प्रतिवेदन के विषय में कोई टिप्पणी करना सम्भव नहीं है।

(ख) से (घ) . प्रश्न ही नहीं होता।

Transhipment of Food from U.S.A.

*769. Shri Shiva Chandra Jha: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the closure of the Suez Canal, Government propose to make arrangements for transhipment of food from USA through the land in the American continent and then via Pacific route;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken for expediting the shipment via that route; and

(c) if not, what are the difficulties?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) to (c). The immediate impact of the closure of the Suez Canal with effect from the 6th June, 1967 has been on the food

vessels which were on the high seas on that date and were to come to Indian ports via the Suez Canal. The delay involved in the arrival of these vessels consequent on their re-routing via the Cape of Good Hope has affected the availabilities of foodgrains during the second half of the month of June and the first half of the month of July. There was no possibility of meeting these shortfalls from any source during this period because of the time factor. Even transhipment of food from USA through the land route in the American continent to the Pacific Coast and the shipments via the Pacific route, as suggested, would not have made the arrivals of foodgrains possible at Indian ports during the crucial period.

Famines

*770. Shrimati Sushila Rohatgi: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have analysed the causes which have led to famines of unprecedented nature in the last few years; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to combat them?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) No elaborate studies are considered necessary to determine the causes of the serious scarcity conditions that developed in large parts of the country during 1965, 1966 and 1967. These were due to failure of rains and the consequential drought in the areas concerned.

(b) The Central and State Governments have organised extensive relief operations to mitigate the distress caused by drought and scarcity. Measures are also being taken to increase agricultural production throughout the country including the areas that have suffered from drought in recent years.