

Shri Ram Avtar Sharma:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Dr. Surya Parkash Puri:
Shri Arjun Singh Bhadoria:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States/parts of States which are experiencing acute fodder shortage during the current year;

(b) whether cattle have perished on a large scale in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh and are being sent to slaughter-houses on account of the acute shortage of fodder and water;

(c) if so, the estimated loss thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent further disaster?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) According to the information furnished by the State Governments, 3 States have reported acute fodder shortage.

(b) The latest reports from the Governments of Bihar and U.P. do not disclose that cattle have perished on a large scale or are being sent to the slaughter houses on account of acute shortage of fodder and water.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-796/67].

भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान संस्था

775. श्री प्रकाशबीर शास्त्री :
 श्री रघुबीर सिंह शास्त्री :
 श्री ना० स्व० शर्मा :

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

(क) क्या भारती कृषि अनुसंधान संस्था, नई दिल्ली में विदेशी पुर्जों के न मिलने के कारण करोड़ों रुपये की लागत के उपकरण बेकार पड़े हैं;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो ये उपकरण कब से प्रयोग में नहीं लाये गये हैं;

(ग) इसके परिणामस्वरूप अब तक कितनी हानि हुई है; और

(घ) इन सम्बन्ध में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्नासाहेब शिन्डे) : (क) जी नहीं। विदेशी पुर्जों की अनुपलब्धि के कारण केवल 95,000 रुपये की लागत के उपकरण बेकार पड़े हैं।

(ख) 6 मास से 4 वर्ष।

(ग) सही सही अनुमान लगाना सम्भव नहीं है। उपलब्ध उपकरणों की सहायता से ही संस्थान का कार्य चल रहा है।

(घ) पुराने व देसी पुर्जों की सहायता से उपकरणों की मरम्मत करने के प्रयास किये गये हैं। जहाँ यह सम्भव नहीं हो सका वहाँ विदेशों से पुर्जे मंगवाने के प्रयास किये गये हैं। हाल ही में कुछ पुर्जे प्राप्त हुए हैं और आशा है उनकी सहायता से कुछ बेकार मशीनें ठीक हो सकेंगी।

Food Shortage in Madhya Pradesh

*776. Shri Baburao Patel: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) why the State of Madhya Pradesh, which has always been a surplus State in foodgrains, is said to be having serious food shortage this year;

(b) whether, this is due to a natural shortage of foodgrains or an artificial one created by the State Government and the foodgrain hoarders to raise the prices of foodgrains and make more profits;

(c) whether Government propose to appoint a Committee to investigate into the reported shortage and charges of hoarding;

- (d) if so, when; and
(e) if not the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) and (b). The shortage of foodgrains in Madhya Pradesh is due to shortfall in production.

(c) to (e). No Committee is being appointed as shortage is due to natural causes.

Sugar Corporation

- *777. Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri A. K. Kisku:
Shri S. N. Maiti:
Shri Tridib Kumar Chandhuri:
Dr. Mahadeva Prasad:
Shri Bedabrata Barua:
Shri N. K. Sanghi:
Shri Y. A. Prasad:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up a Sugar Corporation for taking over defaulting and mismanaged sugar mills; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the expenditure involved and the time by which a decision is likely to be taken?

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

- (b) Does not arise.

Ships affected by Closure of Suez Canal

- *778. Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri S. Kundu:
Shri Srinibas Misra:
Shri K. Lakkappa:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Samar Guha:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of ships affected by

the closure of the Suez Canal which were on their way to India; and

(b) the increase in the cost of freight to be paid by India to the ships coming via the Cape of Good Hope?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) The number of foodgrains ships affected was 15.

(b) In the absence of any definite indication so far about the likely increase in freight charges, generally or for individual ships, it is not possible to give this information.

Effect of Insecticides used for Food on Human Health

*779. Shri Baburao Patel: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the Committee appointed to investigate the extent of poisonous contamination of fruits and foodgrains by the use of various pesticides, insecticides and fumigants and the consequent danger to public health due to the consumption of such fruit and foodgrains; and

(b) whether Government have finalised their consideration and if so, the decision and action taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) A summary of the recommendations is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-797/67].

(b) The Joint Select Committee of the Parliament which considered the various provisions of the Insecticides Bill, 1964, had taken into account these recommendations also.