

Shri Jagjwan Ram: I am not answering about cow dung; I am answering about night soil. Why should the House forget about the social prejudices that we have in this country where we have condemned a section of the society for dealing in this thing and then put the question why the night soil is not used. I would like the leaders of public opinion to educate the people to use that and to remove the prejudices that are existing in this country against night soil.

श्री गा० सं० बिन्धु : काउं प्रेजुडिस नहीं है । किसान लोग नाइट सायल का उपयोग करते हैं ।

श्री जयजीवन राम : कृषि मंत्रियों की बात है ।

Shri Tenneti Viswanatham: Having regard to the progress of civilisation, will not the compost scheme involve an infructuous expenditure because there are better methods of disposal of human excreta and as civilisation progresses, it will have a decreasing value?

Shri Jagjwan Ram: As civilisation advances, certainly a stage may come in India where the man who removes the night soil will not have to be paid, but the man to whom the night soil belongs will have to be paid by the man who removes it.

Shri Shashi Ranjan: I thank the Minister for saying that he has issued circulars for the use of organic manure to different States. But in actual practice we find that all our attention is on inorganic manure. The agriculturists do not even know the proper utilisation of organic manure....

Mr. Speaker: Put the question.

Shri Shashi Ranjan: I am putting the question. The agriculturists do not know even the proper utilisation of organic manure. May I expect from the Minister that he would open some stations in the villages or in some blocks to acquaint, to teach....

Mr. Speaker: There is no question there.

Mr. Anbazhagan.

Shri Anbazhagan: May I know from the hon. Minister apart from an indication on which lines the compost plants can be installed in cities, whether the Government is coming forward to grant the necessary expenses or a portion of the expenditure or whether the Government is willing to satisfy the conditions that are necessary for foreign exchange in order to import such machineries?

Shri Annasahib Shinde: As far as the use of composts is concerned, during the Fourth Five Year Plan, the Centre is supposed to extend assistance to the extent of 30 per cent by way of loan and 20 per cent by way of grant.

As regards the foreign exchange component, some of the concerns in India have indicated to us that it is possible for them to manufacture modern plants for mechanical compost-making in India.

Mr. Speaker: We shall now take up Questions Nos. 303 to 307 which are all on the same subject. I shall call two or three Members from the list on each question to ask supplementary questions.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Q. No. 306 should be taken up separately, because it relates to 40,000 workers who were laid off.

Mr. Speaker: I shall give the hon. Member a chance to ask supplementary questions later.

Reduction of Sugar Quota of States

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*303. **Shri Mohan Swarup:**

Dr. Ramon Sen:

Shri A. K. Gopalan:

Shri P. Ramamurti:

Shri P. Gopalan:

Shri Madhu Limaye:

Shri Hardayal Devgun:

Shri Seehyan:

Shri A. B. Vajpayee:

Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:

Shri P. N. Selanki:
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
 Shri Ramachandra Veerappa:
 Shri Shiv Kumar Shastri:

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

(a) whether a further cut in the supply of sugar to the States is likely to be effected shortly which would result in hardship to the consumers;

(b) if so, the extent thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to meet the situation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri D. Ering): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Fall in Sugar Production in 1966-67

*304. Shri K. N. Pandey:
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:
 Shri Madhu Limaye:
 Shri R. S. Vidyarthi:
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
 Shri Sharda Nand:
 Shri Rishwanath Roy:
 Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri A. K. Kisku:
 Shri S. N. Maiti:
 Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri Rane:
 Shri Parthasarathy:
 Shri E. D. Eddy:
 Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
 Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
 Shri Heerji Bhal:
 Shri K. Pradhani:
 Shri Y. A. Prasad:
 Shri N. K. Sanghi:
 Shri Bedabrata Barua:
 Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:
 Shri D. N. Patodia:
 Shri C. C. Dotal:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of crystal sugar fell down

considerably during the 1966-67 season due to the conversion of cane into gur and khandasari on a large scale;

(b) if so, the total output in 1966-67; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to keep the production of sugar in line with the targets fixed for the Fourth Plan?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri D. Ering): (a) Yes, Sir, to some extent. The other reason was the fall in production of sugarcane.

(b) It is estimated around 21.80 lakh tonnes.

(c) Additional sugar production capacity has been licenced and sugarcane development work will be intensified. Other measures like price and incentives for augmenting production in 1967-68 are also under consideration.

Scarcity of Sugarcane

*305. Shri V. Krishnamoorthi:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri K. N. Tiwary:
 Shri K. M. Madhukar:

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

(a) whether Government have received representations from mill-owners regarding the scarcity of sugarcane for manufacturing sugar; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to step up sugarcane production in the current year?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri D. Ering): (a) Yes, Sir, during the current season 1966-67.

(b) Various matters like the review of sugarcane price, the position