we have been following here. He is a senior member and ought to know.

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SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI: There is a grave question of constitutional propriety involved. This gentleman, the Chief Minister of Goa, has been elected with a massive majority against the ruling party in the elections. Now it will be very improper for this House to discuss these things here.

SHRI **JAGANNATHRAO** JOSHI: Like Haryana.

SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI: In regard to many other States, this sort of situation will arise. So I would beg of you not to allow questions like this, because it will be interpreted as an infringement of constitutional propriety.

MR. SPEAKFR: I am not allowing any further questions. The member who had tabled the question did not put any supplementary. Of course, when he gave notice of this question, there was no question of majority or minority. This was sent in much in advance when we did not have the results.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Is it your ruling that if a Chief Minister has a majority, no charges of corruption like this can be raised here ?

MR. SPEAKER: It is not my ruling. Out of courtesy, I did not agree, because he is the Chief Minister again; the people have given their verdict. I think it was from that point of view that the hon, member who tabled the question did not pursue it.

But suppose there were charges, if the charges were there, then, in my own opinion. there is nothing in this House to pursue this even if he is re-elected as Chief Minister. But I think out of courtesy we drop it.

Suggestions given by Planning Commission to Check rise in Prices

931. SHRI AMAR NATH CHAWLA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Planning Commission had

given some suggestions to check the rising trend in prices; if so, the main suggestions made and the steps taken to implement those suggestions; and

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(b) how for the implementation of those suggestions has been able to check the rising prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b). At the instance of the Planning Commission. groups of officials and non-officials are being constituted by the Government for devising operational arrangements necessary for maintaing price stability and to ensure the availability of essential commodities at reasonable prices to the weaker sections of the population.

श्री ग्रमर नाथ चावला : नया मिनिस्टर महोदय बतलाएंगे कि प्लेनिंग कमिशन ने कब यह मजेशन दी और ग्रुप्स कब से काम कर रहे हैं ? इन ग्रप्स के काम करने के नतीजे के तौर पर क्या कोई प्राइमेज चेक हुई है ? अगर हुई हैं तो क्या कोई इस्टेन्स मन्नी महोदय द सकेंगे ?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA: During the appraisal of the fourth Plan, all these aspects were taken into consideration, and it was at that time that the Planning Commission proposed to the Government to constitute several committees to go into this aspect, because there are several matters that shall have to be considered including production, both industrial and agricultural and there are some other aspects including distribution also. So, it is in this light that the Planning Commission has made the suggestions, and the Government is acting on these suggestions.

धी धमर नाथ चाबला: गदर्नमेंट उन सजेशन्स के मृताबिक ऐक्शन ले रही है, लेकिन मैं जानना चाहता हं कि इस बनत तक कोई ग्रप काम कर रहे हैं या नहीं।

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA: They are working on our suggestions, and we have also proposed that a permanent body of a national nature should be established to look after the production and proper distribution including the question of regional disparkies.

श्री विश्वति सिश्व: जो कुछ अभी बनलाया गया है, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उसमें किसानों का हित देखने वाले किनने हैं। किसानों की चीजों गेहूं, चावल और किसानों के द्वार पैदा की हुई दूसरों चीजों की कीमतें गिर रही हैं श्रीर किमानों के ग्रन्दर इस के वारए। बड़ा असंगेष हैं। इसके लिए इस बाडी की क्या कोई हिदायन दी गई है?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA: We have taken this aspect also into consideration, and we are sure that in case we want to produce more and more foodgrains, we shall have to protect the interests of the producers also and this care is also being taken.

श्री सण्जू पांडे: अभी मत्री महोदय ने बनलाया कि बमेटियां बना दी गई है। मगर पूरे देश में प्राइमेज नाई होनी चली जा रही हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हैं कि इसके मंबध में फौरन कौन से कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ताकि प्राइमेज को चेक किया जा सके और कज्यूमर गुद्म तथा दूसरी चीजें लोगों को सस्ने दामों में मिल सके ?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA I have just said that the committees are just constituted. Without increasing production, industrial and agricultural, it will not be possible to bring down the prices and, therefore, the Planning Commission has also set up several task forces, and we are making all possible endeavours to see that the essential commodities are produced on a mass scale, and it will be helpful in bringing down the prices.

भी लाखू राम ग्रहिरवार: देश में खाद्यान्न के अलावा जो भी चीजे बनाई जाती हैं, उन के भाव उन्हें प्रोड्यूस करने वाले स्वयम् तय करते हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि जो एग्रीकल्चर प्राइस कीमदान है उसमें क्या किसानों के प्रतिनिधि रक्से जायेगे ताकि वह अपनी प्रोड्यूस की प्राइसेज तय करा सकें?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA: Representa-

tives of farmers are also now on the Agricultural Commission and besides, so far as the essential commodities are concerned, it is the policy of the Government to procure not only foodgrains but, if necessary, other articles and commodities also to see that the weaker sections of society get their requierments of the essential commodities.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the hon. Minister tell us what are the specific reasons for the abnormal rise in the price of sugar when there has been a record stock?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA: The House may be aware that sugar production which was 42 lakhs tonnes last year has come down to 35 lakhs tonnes this year. That is one of the major reasons. But here also we are trying to produce more cane so that the prices do not go up. (Interruptions).

श्री हुकम चन्द कछ्वाय: च्रावों में करोड़ों रुपया चन्दें में लिया, इसलिये मूल्य बढ़ा है। कपडे के, कागज के दाम भी बढ़ गए हैं।

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA: I repudiate

MR. SPEAKER: Order, Order. Next question.

Purchase of Technical Know-how for Tyre Units

- *32. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-MENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to set up a new organisation for purchasing technical know-how for new tyre units directly from foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the main features thereof, and
- (c) when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY): (a) to (c). A scheme is under consideration for setting up a joint venture by both the Central and the State Governments and also to develop