

**SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH :** The hon. member said that since this brother has become the Minister, the water has become scarce in Delhi. May I inform him that my earlier brothers also had the same difficulty?

Regarding the shortage of water, we are certainly having complaints about the shortage for a long time, long before my accession to this gaddi from parts of Ramakrishnapuram, parts of Moti Bagah Malaviya Nagar, Srinivasपुरी and Janakपुरी, because some of them are at tail-end also because of their elevation, in my answer, I have already indicated that we are, at present, able to supply only 193 million gallons of water per day whereas the requirement now is of the order of 282 million gallons per day at the rate of 60 gallons per head.

**SHRIMATI T. LAKSHMIKANTHAMMA :** Delhi is such a vast growing city. It is not only supply of more quantity of water but also of clean water. The sewage is let into the Jammuna river. Whenever one drinks water, one has a feeling that one is drinking gutter water. May I know from the hon. Minister whether there is any plan to make water more clean and see that the sewage is diverted and not let into the Jammuna river?

**SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH :** Regarding the question raised by the hon. Member, sometime back there have been complaints in the past about the Jamuna river water getting polluted at Wazirabad and Okhla Water Works. As regards Wazirabad Water Works, the sewage problem has already been solved by constructing a barrage at a cost of Rs. 14 crores. No sewage water now enters the Jamuna river at Wazirabad barrage and that quality of water in this place is maintained at a high standard.

**श्री शशी भूषण :** जनकपुरी एरिया की सब से बड़ी कालोनी है जिस में लगभग डेढ़ लाख आदमी रहते हैं। वहाँ पानी की व्यवस्था नहीं है। बड़ा बड़ा कालोनीज आप बनात जात है। वहाँ आप पानी की व्यवस्था क्यों नहीं करती? उसके लिए आप क्या प्रबन्ध कर रहे हैं?

**SHR. K. RAGHU RAMAIAH :** This also relates to a particular area which falls in the same category as that on which a question has been put from this side.

**श्री भूषणबाबू डावरा :** फिल्टर्ड वाटर आपने जितना बताया है, अन-फिल्टर्ड वाटर की भी

उत्पत्ती हो करनी है। अन फिल्टर्ड वाटर बाण-बनीचों और तान में दिया जाता है लेकिन फिल्टर्ड वाटर उसकी जगह भी काम में लिया जाता है। क्या मंत्री यहोबय अन-फिल्टर्ड वाटर की ज्यादा व्यवस्था कर सकेंगे जिससे फिल्टर्ड वाटर पाने के लिए लोगों की ज्यादा मिल सके। मोना बाग के एम०पोज कोमो पाने के लिए पानी नहीं मिलता है, इस संबंध में क्या व्यवस्था कर रहे हैं।

**SHR. K. RAGHU RAMAIAH :** Every conceivable step is being taken to increase the potable water supply.

#### Import of Rice from U.S.A. under PL-480

\*714. **SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR :**

**SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether U.S. Government have rejected the proposal to give rice to India under PL-480; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and Governments' reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & IRRIGATION (**SHRI ANNASAHLEB P. SHINDE**) : (a) and (b) Government of India did not make any proposal to the US Government for supply of rice under PL-480. There were, however, some discussions between the two Governments on the possibility of supply of one lakh tonnes of rice to India. It was decided not to include supply of rice in the agreement. The final agreement concluded on 20th March, 1975, was for the supply of 8 lakh tonnes of wheat only.

**श्री कमला जिथ मधुकर :** यह देश के लिये कितनी अपमानजनक बात है कि आबादी मिलने के इतने वर्ष बाद भी अमरीका से अन्न की बीज मांगने के लिये जाते हैं। जब अमरीका देश के खिलाफ है, आपकी आबादी के खिलाफ हाथ डाल रहा है, इंडियन मोशन में कौड़ी जड़ड़ा बना रहा है, पाकिस्तान को हथियार देने की बात आपके सामने है, तो भी आप के लिये आप अमरीका से वार्ता करने गये। क्या वह संभव नहीं था कि दूसरे देशों से आपकी सप्लाई के लिये वार्ता करो? किन दूसरे

देशों से इस संबंध में आपने छानबीन की है और उसके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं।

**SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE :** I do not appreciate the feeling of the Hon'ble Member in this regard. We may have differences with USA on other issues, about which we have taken a firm position even countries like China and Russia purchase foodgrains from USA in their National interest. But as far as the national interest is concerned, we purchase from all countries, including USA. This should not come in our dealings with USA or any country.

**श्री कमला मिश्र मधुकर :** और देशों से कितनी जगहों से चावल की सप्लाई के लिये वार्ता की थी और उनके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं?

**SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE :** We are exploring the possibilities from Burma, Thailand and Egypt. Still the picture is not very clear because the prices of international markets are very high and, therefore, we are having some difficulties. Even the availability picture is not clear.

**श्री कमला मिश्र मधुकर :** क्या सरकारने सोचा है कि जैसा गेहूँ के उत्पादन के सम्बन्ध में किया है वैसा ही चावल के उत्पादन में तरक्की के लिये भी कुछ किया जाये जिससे देश में ही चावल प्राप्त हो सके, बाहर से न मंगाना पड़े ?

**SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE :** We are attending to the production programme and, in fact, rice production is going up. This year, the difficulties are there as important rice growing areas in Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Tamilnadu are having a severe drought. That is why there was a set-back in rice production.

**SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI :** May I know from the Hon'ble Minister as he has stated that there are serious drought conditions in the rice producing States like Orissa and other regions, whether the Government has assessed the actual requirements of rice for the year 1975-76 and, if so, what would be the real shortage, so that, at last from May onwards, if there is a demand from rice growing States for rice, the Government can know whether it is in a position to meet the demand from States like Orissa which are suffering from drought?

**SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE :** This question is regarding import of rice.

**SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI :** I wanted to know whether the Government has assessed the requirements so that we may import rice.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Don't ask far-fetched questions which have no relevance to the main question.

**SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI :** May I ask how much rice the Government wants to import— if not from USA, from different countries?

**MR. SPEAKER :** Kindly sit down it is not essential to make out another question. This is a very categorical question whether the U. S. Government have rejected the proposal.

**SHRI SAMAR GUHA :** I want to know from the Government whether a deduction can be drawn from the policy of import of foodgrains from foreign countries in regard to wheat and rice from the figures it will be seen that, during the last ten years, the import of rice is gradually coming to nil; last year it was almost nil.

**MR. SPEAKER :** The main Question seeks factual information whether the U.S. Government have rejected the proposal to give rice to India under PL-480. Why should the other matters be brought here?

**SHRI SAMAR GUHA :** Allright, Sir. I have my call-attention motion when I will raise it.

#### Take-over of Rice Trade

\*717. **SHRI C. K. GHANDRAPAN :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose soon to take over rice trade, and

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) :** (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Statement

The question of take-over of wholesale trade in rice was discussed with the State Chief Ministers/Governors and the leaders of the Opposition Parties in 1973 and