

labour in Saw Mills of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. will be considered after the views of the management become available. The other decisions include setting up of three committees to go into the question of prohibition of employment of contract labour in the Indian Oil Corporation refinery at Mathura, Canteen establishments of Messrs Bharat Petroleum Corporation (Refinery) Bombay and the Customs House, Calcutta respectively.

(b) Statutory Provisions for making available to the contract labour, welfare facilities such as Canteens, Creches, dining room/hall, safe drinking water, first-aid, etc exist in the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970, and the Central Rules framed thereunder.

(c) No centralised data in the form asked for is maintained in the Ministry of Labour.

(d) to (f) Employment of contract labour in a job/process/operation is prohibited by the appropriate Government after following due procedure outlined in the Act. No discrimination is made between a public sector and a private sector establishment. The Central Government has prohibited employment of contract labour in some jobs/processes/operations in some of the mines including coal mines in catering establishments of Indian Railways, in some depots of the Food Corporation of India and in sweeping, cleaning, dusting and watching of the buildings owned or occupied by some establishments in respect of which the Central Governments is the appropriate Government.

Irregularities in Seed Import Policy

1814. DR. NARREDDY THUREDDY : Will the Minister

of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that National Seed Policy which is being implemented since 1st October, 1988 is having many scientific irregularities like new pest and disease problems and also drift of indigenous genetic resources ;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to amend the policy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. The New Policy on Seed Development provides for adequate plant protection and quarantine provisions to preclude the entry of exotic pests and diseases into the country.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Cost of imported edible oil

1815. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to further import one lakh tonne of edible oil in addition to two lakhs tonne already imported;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor: and

(c) what would be the cost of the import ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL) : The quantity of edible oil to be imported is a subject to constant review based on a number of factors like production of edible oilseeds, availability and prices of indigenous oil and the foreign exchange available for this purpose etc. As such it is not possible to indicate the quantity of edible oil to be imported during the current year. Edible Oils are imported on Financial Year basis. During the current Financial Year 1990-91 (till 15-5-90) the State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. has already contracted to import about 66,000 Mts of Palmolein at an approximate value of Rs. 35 crores at prevailing exchange rates.

विधवाओं की समस्याएं

1816. श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :
श्री कपिल वर्मा :

क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कोशिश करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान पुरी के शंकराचार्य द्वारा हाल ही में दिए गए उस वक्तव्य की ओर दिलाया गया है जिसमें उन्होंने यह कहा है कि "राजा राम मोहन राय की पहली गलती की वजह से आज विधवाओं की समस्या है" यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि देश भर में विधवा एवं परित्यक्ता महिलाओं को आर्थिक आत्मनिर्भरता प्राप्त न होने के कारण सामान्यतया "नारीश्रावर्मों" में भिखारियों जैसा जीवन व्यतीत करना पड़ता है, यदि हां, तो सरकार विधवाओं व परित्यक्ताओं को सामाजिक न्याय व आर्थिक आत्मनिर्भरता प्रदान करने और उनका जीवन स्तर ऊंचा उठाने की दिशा में क्या कदम उठाने जा रही है ; और

(ग) यदि पति अपनी पत्नी को घर से निकाल दे, अथवा पत्नी द्वारा तलाक़ लेने का अवस्था में पत्नी को स्वतः पति की सम्पत्ति का आधा हिस्सा मिल जाये इस दिशा में सरकार क्या कदम उठाने जा रही है ?

श्रीम और कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राज कल्याण पासवान) : (क) और (ख) तथ्यात्मक स्थिति का पता लगाया जा रहा है तथा इसे सभा पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा ।

(ग) पूर्व इसके कि सरकार द्वारा विचार किया जाए इस मामले पर गहन अध्ययन तथा व्यापक सर्वसम्मति अपेक्षित है । इस समय इस प्रकार का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है ।

Export of Nigerseeds

1817. SHRI S MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government's decision to export nigerseeds only through the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India has resulted in decline in export and less price to farmers ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to increase the export of nigerseeds ?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL) : (a) and (b) Export of nigerseed is at present canalised through NAFED and TRIFED. As per provisional estimate of export of nigerseed in 1989-90, there has been no decline in the volume of export