

(c) if the answer to part (a) of the question be in negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) and (b) The D.M.S. is at present supplying 3 lakh litres of milk daily utilizing 100% of its installed capacity. The installed capacity is being increased to 3.75 lakh litres daily to enable it to distribute a larger quantity of milk in the city. Although several cases of tampering of seals have been reported in the past, it would not be correct to state that there is large scale tampering with the seals on the D.M.S. milk bottles, 5.80 lakh of which are distributed daily. A major step taken recently to counteract such tampering was to confine the general distribution of the D.M.S. to only one kind of milk, namely, Special Toned Milk. The double Toned Milk supplied by the D.M.S. is distributed to relatively lower income groups in specific areas. To further reduce the possibility of malpractices at the D.M.S. booths, it is proposed to constitute Depot Advisory Committees comprising of the representatives of the token holders and to associate them with the smooth and fair distribution of milk from these depots. Zonal offices of the D.M.S. will also be opened for hearing the grievances of the customers.

The D.M.S. has been authorised to pay a higher price for the raw milk procured in the effort to collect larger quantities of fresh milk. The State Governments concerned with the D.M.S. milk-shed areas have also been requested to make specific arrangements for the supply of fresh milk to D.M.S. under their own supervision.

(c) Question does not arise. 3—
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लापता ट्रालर आकाशमारु-23 की खोज

* 524. श्री पंडरीनाथ सोतारामजी पाटिल : क्या नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आकाश-मारु-23 नाम का एक ट्रालर एक कप्तान और 9 नाविकों सहित 2 महीने से भी अधिक समय से लापता है; और

(ख) क्या इस ट्रालर का पता लगाने के लिए कोई प्रयत्न किए गए हैं और यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

**Search for the missing trawler
Akashmaru-23**

*524. SHRI P. S. PATIL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a trawler Akash-Maruru-23 with the Captain and a crew of nine persons has been missing for more than two months; and

(b) whether any efforts have been made to locate the trawler, and if so* the details thereof?]

नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री (श्री कमलापति त्रिपाठी) : जालपोत आकाशमारु - 23 जिसमें मास्टर सहित 8 व्यक्तियों का कर्मिदल था, 8-9-1973 से लापता है।

(ख) लापता जलपोत की जैसी ही सूचना मिली जल परिवहन विभाग, कलकत्ता, के प्रधान अधिकारी ने कलकत्ता रेडियो से प्रसारण कर बंगाल की खाड़ी में जहाजों को सतर्क करने की व्यवस्था की कि वे लापता जलपोत का तलाश करें। नौसेना अधिकारियों और भारतीय वायुसेना ने भी दृढ़ खोज की। अभी तक वे अपने प्रयास में सफल नहीं हुए।

†[] English translation.

[THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI KAMALA-PATI TRIPATHI): (a) The trawler Akashmaru-23 with a crew of 8 persons on board including the Master of the vessel has been missing since 8-9-1973.

(b) As soon as the news of the missing trawler was received, the Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department, Calcutta, arranged a broadcast on the Calcutta Radio alerting ships in the Bay of Bengal to search for the missing trawler. A search was also organised by the Naval authorities and the Indian Air Force. So far, their efforts have met with no success.]

Persons engaged in Karnataka for relief works

*525. SHRI U. K. LAKSHMANA
GOWDA :
SHRI VENIGALLA SATYA-
NARAYANA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons engaged in the relief works started in the drought affected areas of Karnataka and the rate of daily wages being paid to them at present; and

(b) whether Government have increased their daily wages considering the price rise in essential commodities?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) The State Government has reported that following good rainfall during this year, the position has improved considerably in Karnataka and that the relief works which were started in the wake of last year's drought have been discontinued from 1-10-1973.

(b) Does not arise.

†[] English translation.

Aralam State Farm, Kerala

*526. SHRI G. GOPINATHAN NAIR:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have enquired into the working of the Central State Farm, Aralam and the conduct of its former Director; and

(b) if so, the details of the findings of the enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) The Government of India have set up in the middle of September, 1973, a Committee consisting of Central and State Government Officers, under the Chairmanship of the Agricultural Commissioner in the Ministry of Agriculture, to examine the working of the farm, the financial management and administrative matters including recruitment, selections, disciplinary proceedings etc. which would no doubt cover the conduct of the Director.

(b) The Committee has not yet submitted its report.

Rice Mills in the country

1058. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wholesale dealers in rice and paddy in each State;

(b) the number of rice mills in each State with capacity of production; and

(c) the number of licensed and unlicensed husking mills in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNA5AHEB SHINDE): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.