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OFFICIAL REPORT

IN THE SIXTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE RAJYA SABHA

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**RAJYA SABHA**

*Monday, the 20th November 1967, 29th  
Kartika, 1889 {Saka}*

The House met at eleven of the clock, MR.  
CHAIRMAN IN THE CHAIR.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW LEADER  
OF THE HOUSE**

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : Sir, I have the honour to introduce to you and through you to the House the new Leader of the Rajya Sabha, Shri Jaisukhlal Hathi.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I desire to congratulate you on behalf of the House.

**STATEMENT**

*Main recommendations contained in the interim report of the Committee on Losses of Foodgrains during post-harvest handling and steps taken to implement those recommendations*

Sl. No.	Recommendation	Steps taken
1	Government should assume responsibility for minimising the loss observed at various stages of handling and set up an adequate organisation at the Centre and in the States to take co-ordinated action in this direction.	The recommendation has been accepted. A save grain campaign was launched on a nation-wide basis to impress the significance of modern techniques. A wider project to pursue the encouraging results of the campaign is under consideration. State Governments have been approached to set up a technical organisation to popularise and pursue 'save grain' activity. Cheaper and more effective techniques have been developed at the research institutes and every effort is being made to ensure their adoption at all stages of grain handling. Government have set an example by constructing storage facilities that are rodent and damp proof and wherein, annual storage loss is within 0.2 per cent.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri A. G. Kulkarni.

**ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

**FOODGRAIN WASTAGE**

\*1. SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN : SHRIMATI LALITHA (RAJA-GOPALAN) : SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : t Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the main recommendations of the Expert Committee appointed by his Ministry for assessing the wastage of foodgrains ; and  
(b) the steps taken by Government to implement those recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE (a) and (b) : The Expert Committee has not yet submitted its final report. A statement giving the main recommendations contained in its interim report and the steps taken to implement those recommendations is laid on the Table of the Sabha.