

THE
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES
OFFICIAL REPORT

IN THE SIXTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE RAJYA SABHA

Commencing on the 20th November, 1967/the 29th Kartika, 1889 (Saka)

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 PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICA-
TIONS (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 con-
gratulate you on behalf of the House.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

FOODGRAIN WASTAGE

*1. SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN :
SHRIMATI LALITHA (RAJA-
GOPALAN) :

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : †

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.

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.