

6 दिसम्बर, 1965 के पृष्ठ 3, कालम 5 में प्रकाशित "बिहार में इस वर्ष 13 लाख टन अन्न की कमी" शीर्षक समाचार की ओर आकर्षित किया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि उपरोक्त प्रश्न (क) का उत्तर 'हां' हो तो खाद्यान्न की कमी को दूर करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई अथवा की जा रही है और यदि कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गई अथवा नहीं की जा रही है, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

†FOOD SHORTAGE IN BIHAR

*116. SHRI MAHABIR DASS: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item published at page 3, column 5, of the Hindi Daily "Hindustan" of Delhi dated the 6th December, 1965, under the caption "Bihar main is varsh, 13 lakh ton ann ki kami" (Shortage of 13 lakh tons of Foodgrains in Bihar this year); and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what are the details of the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the supply of foodgrains to meet the shortage; and if no action has been taken or no action is proposed to be taken, what are the reasons therefor?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास और सहकार मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री पी० गोविन्द मेनन) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) सूखा के कारण देश भर में खाद्यान्नों की उपज पर कुप्रभाव पड़ा है । वस्तुतः बिहार में उपज में यह कमी इतनी अधिक नहीं है, जितनी कि अन्य अधिकांश राज्यों में है । तथापि, केन्द्रीय सरकार ने बिहार का आयातित गेहूं का मासिक कोटा

उस सीमा तक बढ़ाया है, जो कि समस्त सम्भरण स्थिति और अन्य कमी वाले राज्यों की आवश्यकताओं के अनुरूप है ।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Owing to drought conditions production of foodgrains has been badly affected all over the country. As a matter of fact, loss in production in Bihar is not as high as in most of the other States. All the same, the Central Government have increased the monthly quota of imported wheat to Bihar to as high a figure as is consistent with the overall supply position and the requirements of other deficit States.]

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUGAR ENQUIRY COMMISSION

*117. SHRI U S. DUGAL: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised consideration of the recommendations of the Sugar Enquiry Commission; and

(b) if so, the recommendations of the Commission which have since been accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (b) The recommendations of the Sugar Enquiry Commission, with the exception of the recommendation in respect of minimum cane price for 1965-66 season, are still under examination. The decision regarding cane price for 1965-66 season has already been announced.