क्षति-ग्रस्त खाद्यान्न

*636 **श्री भगवत नारायण भार्गव** : क्या खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास और सहकार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि 1965 के वर्ष में देश में क्षति-ग्रस्त तथा सडा हुआ और निम्न स्तर के खाद्यान्न को कितनी मात्रा मे बेचा गया या अलग रखा गया और उससे कितनी वित्तीय हानि हुई ?

†[DAMAGED FOODGRAINS]

*636. SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state the quantity of damaged and deteriorated and sub-standard foodgrains sold or kept apart in the year 1965 in the country and the financial loss incurred on account of it ?]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

‡[**खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास और सहकार मन्त्रालय मे उप-मन्त्री (श्री अण्णासाहेब शिंदे)** : सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और सभा के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।]

श्री भगवत नारायण भार्गव : इन्फारमेशन तो जब मिलेगी मिल जायेगी पर मै यह जानना चाहता हू कि क्या यह सही है कि हर साल गोदामों मे खाद्यान्न बहुत खराब हो जाता है, सड़ जाता है । और यदि हां, तो इसका क्या कारण है और उसके बचाव के लिये सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करती है ?

SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE: The foodgrains are damaged generally during transit by sea in ships, by trains and trucks —and also due to storage.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: Has the Government's attention been drawn to a recent advertisement in the press of the South, particularly in Kerala, where tenders have been called for the disposal of a very substantial quantity of damaged rice?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir, the hon. Member has drawn my attention to that and I have called for facts with regard to that.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरड़िया : क्या श्रीमान् यह बतलायेंगे कि क्या इस आशय की रामगढ़ भेलसा और कोटा वगैरह कई स्थानों से सूचना शासन के पास आई है कि उनके पास का चना वगैरह खराब हो रहा है, उसमें घुन लगने वाला है और उसकी व्यवस्था की जाय, तो उसके बारे मे क्या व्यवस्था की गई ?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir; representations have been received with reference to Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Punjab that old gram is still available and it is likely to get deteriorated. Arrangements have been made to lift the stocks and distribute them in the deficit areas.

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: To what extent have arrangements for storing grains been improved in the country since the last two or three years?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As far as Government grains are concerned, I find from the statistics that there is considerable improvement. Whereas during the past few years the losses were 3 to 5 per cent., last year they worked to a figure of only 2 per cent. That shows considerable improvement in the situation.

श्री भगवत नारायण भार्गव : यह जो सब स्टैन्डर्ड ग्रेन है, यह सरकार को कहां से उपलब्ध होता है और इसका फिर किस तरह से उपयोग किया जाता है ? दूसरी बात मै यह जानना चाहता हूं कि जो गल्ला सड जाता है या बिलकुल नीचे दरजे का हो जाता है उसको किस प्रकार से गवर्नमेन्ट "डिसपोज़ आफ" करती है ?

‡[ ] English translation.
†[ ] Hindi translation.

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, it is due to damage that these foodgrains become sub-standard and when they become sub-standard, they could either be used for cattle feed or poultry feed or they could be used for some industrial purposes. Therefore it is classified as fit for human consumption, unfit for human consumption but fit for cattle feed and poultry feed and for industrial purposes. On that basis it is sold.

SHRIMATI DEVAKI GOPIDAS: May I know whether the Government is aware that because of transporting rice in the open wagons a large quantity of rice is getting damaged, especially when it is transported to Kerala?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: During the monsoon because of the situation there we attempted to transport rice there quickly and since covered wagons were not available, we attempted box wagons, open wagons. But now we have made arrangements to cover it with sloping tarpaulins and the foodgrains will not be affected.

श्री देवकीनंदन नारायण : क्या सरकार दो तरह के गोडाउन्स का उपयोग करती है। एक तो सरकार खुद जो अपने गोडाउन्स बनाती है उनका उपयोग करती है और बहुत-से किराये पर लिये हुए हैं। मैं यह जानना चाहूंगा कि सरकार के खुद के गोडाउन्स कितने हैं और किराये पर कितने लिये हुए हैं ? दूसरी बात यह जानना चाहूंगा कि किराये के गोडाउन्स में ज्यादा नुकसान होता है या नहीं यदि ज्यादा नुकसान होता है तो उसे रोकने के लिए क्या तजवीज की गई है ?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: When we have godowns which are sub-standard, we try to improve them by making various repairs and all those things. With regard to the actual figures regarding hired and owned, I do not have the figures with me. My recollection is that about two million tonnes of storage is owned by the Government and the balance about 1·5 million tonnes, is hired. That is my recollection.

प्रो० सत्यव्रत सिद्धान्तालंकार : आटे के दाम गेहूं से सस्ते नहीं हो सकते क्योंकि गेहूं को पीसकर आटा बनता है, लेकिन अभी हाल में दुकानों में जो आटा दिया जा रहा था वह गेहूं के मुकाबले में सस्ता दिया जा रहा था। तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या वह सड़ा हुआ आटा था जो कि सस्ता बेचा जा रहा था ?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Perhaps imported wheat was used and, therefore, the hon. Member finds it cheaper than the indigenous wheat.

DR. ANUP SINGH: Conflicting reports have appeared both in the Indian press and abroad about the extent of damage caused by rats. What precisely is the situation? What is the damage in percentage or by volume caused by rats?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Recently a survey was made, because some papers, foreign papers, had published, on the basis of some reports of the CFTRI, that 22 per cent was the damage caused by rodents. It is rather too huge a figure. The whole thing has been gone into and it is estimated to be between 6 and 7 per cent.

*637. [*The questioner (Shri M. N. Govindan Nair) was absent. For answer* vide *cols* 3840-41 infra.]

*638. [*The questioner (Shri A. D. Mani) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 3841 infra.]

TEAM OF SHIP SURVEYORS

*639. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to have a full team of ship surveyors under the control of his Ministry;

(b) what is the present strength of ship surveyors under his Ministry; and

(c) how is the work of ship surveying being carried on at present?