

there has been a short-fall in production, I am afraid it will not be possible to provide stocks for three months.

SHRI M. M. DHARIA: While appreciating the view expressed by the hon. Minister that the procurement was possible because of these State zones, is it not a fact that the mobility of foodgrains was altogether stopped, and because there is not a single uniform policy of procurement throughout the States in the country it has affected the procurement as well?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: With regard to inter-State movement, it should not be left for free trade to function. The inter-State movement should be only on a Government to Government basis. We also tried to fix the surplus available in the surplus States. It was on that basis that procurement was undertaken on behalf of the Central Government. The target fixed on that basis was 19 lakh tonnes to be procured. But the actual procurement came up to 16.5 lakh tonnes only. There was only a short-fall of 2.5 lakh tonnes.

SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: The hon. Minister said that after the introduction of the zone system, procurement has improved. May I know what steps are taken for procurement from the surplus districts? I am specifically mentioning the surplus districts of Andhra, that is, Krishna, West Godavari and East Godavari. The Food Corporation is not purchasing direct and the millers are asked to purchase. The millers do not purchase with the result that the peasants are not disposing of their grain. That is the actual situation today. The millers are not prepared to purchase at the rate fixed by the Government. At the same time there are scarcity conditions prevailing in the other parts of India. May I know what steps the Government are taking in this connection? Why not the Food Corporation be made to purchase direct from the peasants?

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SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The procurement in the coastal districts of Andhra is on the basis of procurement through millers, not direct from the producers. The procurement through the millers particularly during the last month and this month has been quite satisfactory. I have not received reports that the purchases are not being made by the millers, but since the hon. Member mentions it, I shall try to find out the situation.

*245. [The questioner (Shri S. S. Mariswamy) was absent. For answer, vide col. 1556 infra.]

*246. [The questioner (Shri Ramgopal Gupta) was absent. For answer, vide col. 1556 infra.]

RECOMMENDATIONS OF AGRICULTURAL PRICES COMMISSION

*247. **SHRI U. S. DUGAL:** Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the recommendations of the Agricultural Prices Commission made in their report submitted to Government recently; and

(b) if so, the recommendations on which Government have taken the decisions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decisions taken by the Government of India on the recommendations contained in the report of the Agricultural Prices Commission are given in para 32 of the "Review of the Food Situation, August, 1965" circulated on 19th August, 1965 to the Members of Parliament.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरड़िया :
 क्या श्रीमान् यह बतलायेंगे कि यह कीमतों का निर्धारण, ऐक्चुअल कास्ट आफ प्रोडक्शन को काश्तकार को लगती है उसको कलेक्ट करने के बाद और वह भी कास्ट आफ प्रोडक्शन माजिनल लैंड पर उसको कलेक्ट करने के बाद किया गया है या वैसे ही आर्बिट्रेरी तौर पर कर रखा है ?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It had not been possible to get figures, accurate statistics, with regard to the cost of production because it varies from area to area, and studies are under way now to get the figures. But with regard to the fixation of price for 1965 season, account was taken of the previous price prevailing and the trend of prices of non-agricultural goods, and on that basis the price was fixed.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरड़िया :
 क्या श्रीमान् यह बतलायेंगे कि जब हम एक और यह घोषणा करते हैं कि काश्तकार को हम सपोर्ट प्राइस देना चाहते हैं और दूसरी ओर हम यह भी तय नहीं कर पायें और जो दलीलें श्रीमान् ने दी कि अलग-अलग क्षेत्र में अलग-अलग कीमतें हो सकती हैं, तो मैंने इसी लिए प्रश्न में स्पेसिफिक पूछा था कि जो अन्तिम क्वालिटी की लैंड माजिनल लैंड है, उसमें कास्ट आफ प्रोडक्शन क्या होता है और उसको प्लान कर अगर सपोर्ट प्राइस नहीं रखना है तो उसको उतना कम से कम मिल सके इसको तय करने में क्या कठिनाई होती है पांच साल के साइकल को देखते हुए ?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I have already stated that accurate statistics are not available with regard to the cost of production. Even with regard to marginal lands it varies from area to area, and therefore the studies are under way now. As soon as they are available they will be taken into consideration for the purpose of fix-

ing the prices. But even here what we have done is we have only indicated the minimum support price. As a matter of fact the procurement price of the various State Governments is much higher than the support price which we have indicated.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

DELEGATION OF M.Ps. TO MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE

*245. **SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of Members of Parliament was recently sent by the National Shipping Board to Malaysia and Singapore to study port facilities in those countries; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether they have submitted any report and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY) (a) and (b): A delegation of Members of Parliament and other prominent persons from States was sponsored to study the conditions of the deck passengers on ship T.S.S. 'State of Madras'. The leader of the delegation has since submitted a report which is under examination.

PACKAGE PROGRAMME

*246. **SHRI RAMGOPAL GUPTA:** Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken certain measures to intensify