

SHRI M. M. DHARIA : Is the Government aware that the vegetable oil manufacturers have been using edible oils like groundnut oil and coconut oil for the manufacture of vegetable oil and naturally it has resulted in affecting the prices of groundnut and coconut oil which is the food of the poor man and what steps are being taken to redress that grievance ?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, the vegetable oil known as Vanaspati is also consumed by the middle class people more and more. Therefore it is the total availability which matters. Unfortunately this year the production of Vanaspati, groundnut oil and other raw oils has been affected and therefore the prices are going up. It is not merely because some oil is taken for the production of Vanaspati that the prices are going up. We are trying to find out what methods should be adopted for the purpose of seeing that the prices do not rise and we have taken some steps already.

श्री रामकुमार मुवालका : क्या मंत्री जी यह बताएंगे कि क्या वेजीटेबल आयल वैसे ही एक्सपोर्ट होता है जैसा पहले लिन्सीड आयल एक्सपोर्ट होता था ?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No; we have restricted the exports now in view of the scarcity.

SHRIMATI TARA RAMCHANDRA SATHE : Has the Government made any special effort for the production of rice bran oil and expansion of the non-edible oils industry with a view to supplementing the oil supply in the country?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. | We are taking steps for producing rice | bran oil and also cotton seed oil so that this might be available for edible purposes. For the soap industry and all these things it is necessary to expand the production of non-edible oils. In that direction also we are taking steps.

ASSESSMENT OF KHAWF PRODUCTION

*641. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any assessment has by now been made of the Kharif production of cereals in each State;

(b) if so, what is the assessment State-wise;

(c) how these figures compare with the last three years; and

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, how long it will take to make the assessment ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) :
fa) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

A preliminary estimate about the production of kharif cereals in 1965-66, indicates that the size of the crop this year may be at least 6 to 7 million tonnes lower than last year's record output. The shortfall may be particularly marked in the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan and in many districts of Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Madras. Firm estimate of production will not be available until April-May 1966 when the All-India final estimates of these cereals are expected to be issued.

श्री देवकीनंदन नारायण : क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि—स्टेटमेन्ट में तो आप स्पष्ट कुछ बता नहीं सके हैं—किस राज्य में ज्यादा से ज्यादा शार्टफाल हुआ है ?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is mentioned in the statement, Sir, that the shortfall may be particularly marked in the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan and in many districts of Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Madras.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: I asked in which State shortfall was the most.

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It is rather difficult to find out the most but these are the areas where there has been a marked decrease.

श्री देवकीनंदन नारायण : क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या जिस परिमाण में हर राज्य में शार्टफाल हुआ है उसी परिमाण में यहाँ से, सेन्टर से, उस राज्य को सप्लाई किया जायेगा ?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Yes, Sir. That is the exercise which we are making now. It all depends upon the availability of imported wheat and with reference to that we will have to take a decision regarding supplies to each State.

श्री देवकीनंदन नारायण : खरीफ फ़ाप की प्रोडक्शन, यानी कोर्स ग्रेन की प्रोडक्शन के शार्टफाल के साथ-साथ फ़ांडर भी बिल्कुल ख़त्म हो चुका है उन राज्यों में जहाँ पर यह खरीफ की फसल उगाई गई है, तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि फ़ांडर के लिये आपकी ओर से क्या व्यवस्था की जा रही है ताकि आदमियों के साथ-साथ जानवरों की भी जान बचाई जाय ?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: All this will be discussed in the Food debate; not only the Food scarcity but the conditions arising out of the monsoon failure and I hope to give a detailed reply with regard to all this.

श्री जगन्नाथ प्रसाद : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि आपकी एसेसमेन्ट की एजेन्सी क्या है ? क्या आपके इस एसेसमेन्ट का सोर्स भी स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स ही हैं और यदि स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स ही हैं तो आपके केन्द्रीय सरकार के और राज्य सरकार के मतों में अंतर क्यों है, जैसे अपने राजस्थान के बारे में मुझे पता है कि राजस्थान सरकार का कहना है कि हमारे

26 जिलों में 10 में शार्टफाल है और आपके स्टेटमेन्ट में लिखा है कि 26 में केवल 6 शार्ट हैं। तो क्या सेन्टर की बात सही है या राज्य सरकारों की बात सही है ?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, there are two agencies, the States' agencies and there is the Central agency also to check. Sometimes the State Governments in their anxiety to emphasize the need for the foodgrains to come from outside, try to underrate the production. Therefore a check is necessary and that check is made with reference to each State.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: I would like to know how the hon. Minister has left out Mysore in this because more than 80 per cent failure has been recorded in Mysore State but still Mysore does not find a place here. Not that I want that Mysore should be here but an outstanding failure has occurred in Mysore State.

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I am sorry but unfortunately the State Governments are now competing in emphasizing their distress. I do realise that not only in these States but in every State there has been a decrease in production and some area or other has been affected. It is not as if I am unaware of it. We shall take all that into consideration in deciding with regard to the procurement programme and the supply programme from outside. Mysore is very much in my mind and I do not think the hon. Member need worry that Mysore will be left out of the picture.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He misses it in the roll of honour.

SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH: What is the position of Andhra Pradesh this year ?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I have now taken care to mention Andhra Pradesh in this answer because I found there was a complaint against the Finance Minister particularly for not mentioning Andhra. If they think that they should join this roll of honour I have included it.