

the first part of the question is concerned, the losses are borne by the Government.

SHRI D. THENGARI: May I know, Sir, what effort has been made by the Government to bring the internal prices at par with the international prices?

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: Sir, various steps are being taken for the sugarcane development and also for intensification of sugarcane development.

Unless the quality of cane and per-acre yield improves, there is no possibility to bring down the prices. All steps are being taken to reduce the cost of production, particularly so far as sugarcane is concerned.

SHRI A. D. MANI: The Minister mentioned that the earnings were about Rs. 9 crores. May I ask him to give us a break up of earnings, dollar as well as sterling?

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: The earnings from the U. K. would be about Rs. 1.58 crores for negotiated price quota of 25,479 tonnes and Rs. 1.51 crores for overall agreement quota of 50,237 tonnes. From Canada it is Rs. 1.43 crores for O.A.Q. of 52,762 tonnes. Our dollar earnings from the U.S.A. would be about Rs. 5.03 crores for 87,481 tonnes.

†ROAD PLANNING BOARDS

***482. SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the technical advisory bodies, which are proposed to function as Road Planning Boards, have been constituted; and

(b) if not, when they are likely to be set up?

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THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

The Governments of Bihar, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mysore and Kerala have set up the proposed Road Planning Board in their respective States. The Manipur Administration also have agreed to set up a Road Planning Board. Replies from other State Governments and Administrations of Union Territories are awaited. A proposal for setting up a Road Planning Board at the Centre is also under the active consideration of the Government of India.

†*387. [The Questioner (Shri J. H. Joshi) was absent. For answer vide cols. 3737-38 infra.]

*572. [The Questioner (Shri T. V. Anandan) was absent. For answer vide col. 3738 infra.]

*573. [The Questioner (Shri M. M. Dharia) was absent. For answer vide cols. 3738-39 infra.]

INCREASE IN D.M.S. GHEE PRICE

*574. { **SHRIMATI LALITHA (RAJA-GOPALAN):**†
SHRIMATI TARA RAMA-CHANDRA SATHE:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the reason for the rise in the price of ghee of the Delhi Milk Scheme from Rs. 9 to Rs. 11 a kilo?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): Due to increase in the procurement price of raw milk, the cost of produc-

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†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Lalitha (Rajagopalan).

tion of ghee in the Delhi Milk Scheme has gone up. That is why it became necessary to the price of ghee from Rs. 9.30 to Rs. 11.00 per kilo with effect from 11-8-1965.

SHRIMATI LALITHA (RAJAGOPALAN): May I know, Sir, the reason why the price of ghee was suddenly raised from Rs. 9 to Rs. 11 per kilo in August when there was no scarcity of milk?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Although the availability of milk was somewhat easy in August, nevertheless the prices have increased very considerably for procurement of milk.

SHRIMATI TARA RAMCHANDRA SATHE: May I know, Sir, whether it is proper for the Government to increase the prices of all essential goods in order to maintain the price line?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: That is very desirable. But the question is if you want to get milk, you have got to pay for it.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister is aware that even the Delhi Milk Scheme ghee is adulterated?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: No, Sir. I emphatically deny this charge.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरङ्गिया: क्या श्रीमान् यह बतलाएंगे कि यह जो घी बनाया जाता है वह शुद्ध दूध में से मक्खन निकाल कर बनाते हैं इसकी वजह से स्वच्छ छाछ से जो घी बन कर आता है उसके मुकाबले में वह अच्छा नहीं होता, तो क्या उसकी क्वालिटी को सुधारने के लिये छाछ से घी निकालने का प्रयत्न किया जायेगा ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : अक्सर यह जो घी स्पलाई किया जाता है यह उस दूध से बनता है जो किलाने में खट्टा या दही सा बन जाता तकरीबन वही प्रोसेस हो जाती है जो छाछ से घी निकालने वाली बात है ।

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: At present the demand of milk is not being satisfied. Why is then milk used for producing ghee?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : मैंने अर्ज किया कि जब दूध बहुत दूर से लाया जाता है तो कभी कभी वह दूध खट्टा हो जाता है और जब दूध में खटास आ जाती है तो उसे घी बनाने के काम में लाया जाता है ।

SHRIMATI TARA RAMCHANDRA SATHE: May I know, Sir, if it is not the policy of the Government not to increase the prices of essential commodities and set an example to the traders in the country?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think you made this suggestion before also.

SHRIMATI TARA RAMCHANDRA SATHE: They should set an example.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We hope they would set an example.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I might tell the hon. Member that in running the Delhi Milk Scheme the Government has suffered already almost to the extent of about Rs. one crore this year.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Too much of a good example.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: Sir, since ghee as much as milk is an essential element of diet of the Indian people, may I know, if the Government are in a position to assure us that because of the efforts of some people the supply of ghee shall not be cut down as has been done in some States where to keep up the supply of milk the supply of some very delicious sweets has been cut down which has been causing great trouble to many people?

(No reply.)

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know, Sir, if this is the second or the third increase in the rate of ghee during the last fifteen months?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, it is all very intimately connected with the procurement price of milk.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: It is not a reply to my question. I want to know whether he has increased the rate a second time or a third time? How many times during the last 15 months has it been increased?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I think it is the second time that we have increased it.

प्र० सत्यन्रत सिद्धांतालंकार : श्रीमन्, जो शाकाहारी हैं उनके लिये घी बहुत आवश्यक है और जो मांसाहारी हैं उनको तो "फैट" मिल ही जाता है। इसलिये क्या मंत्री महोदय इस बात पर विचार करेंगे कि घी देते समय शाकाहारियों को प्रेफरेंस दिया जाय ? दूसरा प्रश्न यह है कि घी का वितरण करते हुए पार्लियामेंट के सदस्यों को प्राथमिकता दी जाती है और उस प्राथमिकता के कारण जो पार्लियामेंट के अंदर कार्यकर्ता हैं, उदाहरणार्थ जो छोटे कर्मचारी हैं, वे हमसे कहते हैं कि हमें घी ले दीजिए, तो क्या उन को भी प्राथमिकता देने की कृपा करेंगे ?

श्री सभापति : यह तो कृपा करने का मौका नहीं है, सवाल का मौका है।

SHRI R. P. N. SINHA: Is it not a fact that the milk from which ghee is made is not a vegetarian substance?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: We are getting into metaphysics.

†*490. [The Questioner (Shri L. N. Das) was absent. For answer vide cols. 3739-40 infra.]

*575. [The Questioner (Shri G. Murahari) was absent. For answer vide col. 3740 infra.]

*576. [The Questioner (Shri B. N. Bhargava) was absent. For answer vide cols. 3740-42 infra.]

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HOTELS AND TOURISTS CORPORATIONS

*577. { SHRI I. K. GUJRAL:
SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA:†

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects and schemes which have so far been undertaken by the Hotels and Tourist Corporations;

(b) whether the administrative machinery of the two Corporations has been set up; and

(c) if so, the names of the principal officers and directors with their qualifications and experience in the requisite type of work and also their tenure of office?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) The preliminary report of the Feasibility Survey in respect of hotel projects which is being undertaken with a view to determining the economics thereof was considered by the Board of Directors of India Tourism Hotel Corporation at its first meeting held on 9th August, 1965. In the light of this report, it is considered that there is immediate need for setting up hotels in the first phase (to be completed by 1967-68) at the following places: Bombay, Calcutta Madras, Hyderabad, Varanasi, Aurangbad, Bangalore, Konarak, Agra and Jaipur.

Details with regard to each hotel project at these places are being worked out. In addition to building hotels, financial details are being worked out

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