

RAJYA SABHA

Monday, the 15th March, 1965/the 24th
Phalgun, 1886 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,
Mr. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*465. [The questioner (Shri B. N. Bhargava) was absent. For answer, vide col. 3390 infra.]

RICE PRODUCTION IN 1964-65

*466. SHRI ABDUL GHANI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of rice in 1964-65 is much more than during the last three years; and

(b) if so, what is the ratio?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b) Firm Estimates of production based on actual crop cutting on randomly selected fields are not yet available. But according to latest indications, the total production of rice during 1964-65 is expected to be more than 10 per cent higher than the average of last three years' production.

شری عبدالغنی : کیا وزیر صاحب

فرمائیں گے کہ جو ۱۰۰ پوسنٹ کے قریب بڑھ رہا ہے اس کے مطابق گورنمنٹ کٹا پیڈی اسٹاک کرنے کا ارادہ رکھتی ہے -

†[Shri Abdul Gani : क्या वज़ीर साहब फ़रमायेंगे कि जों 10 परसेन्ट के करीब बढ़ रहा है, उसके मुताबिक गवर्नमेंट कितना पैडी स्टॉक करने का इरादा रखती है ?]

श्री शाहनवाज़ खां : गवर्नमेंट का इरादा तो कोई 20 लाख टन चावल जमा करने का था ।

شری عبدالغنی : میں نے یہ

دریافت کیا تھا کہ پیڈی کٹا خریدنے کا ارادہ رکھتی ہے - رائس کے لئے تو میں نے عرض نہیں کیا - پیڈی اس لئے کہ کسان پیڈی ہی بیچتا ہے -

†[Shri Abdul Gani : मैंने यह दर-माप्त किया था कि पैडी कितना खरीदने का इरादा रखती है । राईस के लिये तो मैंने प्रजं नहीं किया । पैडी इस लिये कि किसान पैडी ही बेचना है ।]

श्री शाहनवाज़ खां : मैं समझ गया ।]

شر عبدالغنی : تو آیا کسان نے

کارخانہ دار کو بیچا یا سرکار کو ؟

†[Shri Abdul Gani : तो आया किसान ने कारखानेदार को बेचा या सरकार को बेचा ?]

श्री शाहनवाज़ खां : तीन मन धान में से दो मन चावल निकलता है, आप हिसाब लगा लीजिए ।

شری عبدالغنی : میں نے یہ

کوئیسٹن کیا ہے کہ آیا گورنمنٹ کو فائدہ پہنچتا اس سے یا کارخانہ دار کو - اور آیا کسان کو پیڈی کی پوری قیمت ملے گی - اس کے بارے میں میں کلہر ہونا چاہتا ہوں کہ

کسانوں کو فائدہ ملے گا یا کارخانہ داروں کو؟

†[**श्री अब्दुल गनी :** मैं ने यह कश्चन किया है कि आया गवर्नमेंट को फायदा पहुंचेगा उस से या कारखानेदार को; और आया किसान को पैडी की पूरी कीमत मिलेगी। इसके बारे में मैं क्लियर होना चाहता हूं कि किसानों को फायदा मिलेगा या कारखानेदारों को ?]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Would you buy paddy or rice. because there is some difference? उनका कहने का मतलब यह है कि 'पैडी' के खरीदने से किसान को फायदा होगा और "राईस" खरीदने में कारखानेदार को फायदा होगा।

श्री शाहनवाज खां : इस वक्त डाइरेक्टली तो हमने कोई पैडी नहीं खरीदी है। जो कारखानेदार है वह किसानों से पैडी खरीद लेते हैं और उसके लिये जो मिनिमम् प्राइस मूकरर है वह इस तरह तय की गई है कि उसमें कोई किसान को बहुत अधिक देने की गुंजायश नहीं है।

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I may add that it will be necessary for the Government to intervene if the paddy price goes below the support price which we have already announced. The price has not gone down below the support price. Therefore, Sir, it is not necessary for the Government to intervene at this stage.

شری عبدالغنی : کیا وزیر صاحب فرمائیں گے کہ ابھی تین دن ہی ہوئے جب انہوں نے تسلیم کیا تھا کہ کسان کو پیڈی کی قیمت وہ نہیں ملی جو ملنی چاہئے تھی اور گورنمنٹ

آئندہ خیال رکھے گی۔ آج کا اسٹیپمنٹ یہ ہے کہ ان کو قیمت کم نہیں ملی۔ تو دونوں میں سے کونسا اسٹیپمنٹ صحیح ہے۔ اس دن والا یا آج والا؟

†[**श्री अब्दुल गनी :** क्या वजीर साहब फरमायेंगे कि अभी तीन दिन ही हुए जब उन्होंने तसलीम किया था कि किसान को पैडी की कीमत वह नहीं मिली जो मिलनी चाहिये थी और गवर्नमेंट आईन्दा खयाल रखेगी। आज का स्टेटमेंट यह है कि उनको कीमत कम नहीं मिली। तो दोनों में से कौन सा स्टेटमेंट सही है ? उस दिन वाला या आज वाला ?]

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM. Sir, I do not remember to have made a statement that the kisans are not getting the support price which we have already declared. It may be that the declared price may not be adequate; that is a matter of opinion, and that is why we have appointed the Agricultural Prices Commission to fix it in a more scientific way. But, as it is, the farmers are getting prices not below the support price but something above the support price.

SHRI U. S. PATIL: May I know whether the Government will purchase rice or paddy from the millowners at the support price?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: We are just now purchasing rice from the millowners because we are interested in purchasing rice and storing it. But purchase of paddy will become necessary if there is a drop in the price level below the support price, which has not happened, as I have explained.

SHRI T. V. ANANDAN: Sir, having had the experience of the scarcity of rice in the country last year, in spite of the steps taken by the Government, will the Government still have faith in these intermediate dealers to go and procure paddy or rice from the farmers directly, or has the

Government got any other process of directly procuring rice and supplying it to the people of this country?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, there is now, as it is, no machinery to purchase paddy directly from the farmers on a large scale. We still depend on the traders and they cannot be replaced overnight.

SHRI C. M. POONACHA: Is it a fact that in the prices fixed for rice and the prices fixed for paddy there is great disparity, inasmuch as the prices derived on the basis of rice worked back to paddy and those fixed for paddy as such are very much at variance, thereby giving a definite advantage to the millowners rather than the agriculturists, and the agriculturists are put to great disadvantage?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, this was gone into fully and various reasonable margins for milling, for transport and for storage were taken into account but, as I have declared once before, it is open to the farmers themselves to convert their paddy and sell it as rice; then they would get the price fixed for rice. In some places that is also taking place and they get all the advantages thereby.

SHRI AKBAR ALI KHAN: As mentioned by the hon. Minister, Sir, this change cannot be made overnight. We quite appreciate it. But is there any plan to have this purchase direct from the cultivator?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Yes, Sir. We are building up the machinery through the Food Corporation and it is coming up. As a matter of fact, we are experimenting in Mysore with regard to direct purchases from the farmers.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: The hon. Minister has stated that if the price of paddy falls below a certain level, Government will purchase paddy also. But then paddy cannot be directly passed on to the consumers; it has to be husked into rice. May I know if arrangements have made in advance by the Government to get this paddy husked into rice directly or through the millowners or will the Government start taking steps when they have already stocks of paddy?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It won't be difficult to get the paddy converted into rice because already milling capacity is available. But in addition to that the hon. Member might be aware that we are building up the modern rice-milling units in the co-operative sector and the public sector, which would be available in course of time for converting paddy into rice.

*467. [The questioner (Shri M. N. Govindan Nair) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 3390-3391 infra.]

• तिलहनों के सुधार की योजना

*468. श्री गिरिराज किशोर कपूर : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि खाद्यानों के सुधार के लिये जिस प्रकार की समन्वित योजना अब चल रही है वैसे ही योजना तिलहनों के सुधार के लिए भी कब तक चालू करने का विचार है ?

†[SCHEME FOR IMPROVEMENT OF OIL-SEEDS

*468. SHRI G. K. KAPOOR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the time by when a co-ordinated scheme for the improvement of oil-seeds is proposed to be started on the lines of the scheme which is already in operation in the case of foodgrains.]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): In pursuance of a resolution of the recently concluded Annual General Meeting of the Indian Central Oilseeds Committee, a Sub-Committee has been constituted for drawing up co-ordinated projects for the improvement of major oilseeds. It is expected that such co-ordinated schemes for individual major oilseeds crops would be introduced during the Fourth Five Year Plan.

‡[खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां): हाल ही में भारतीय केन्द्रीय तिलहन समिति की वार्षिक बैठक

†[] English translation.

‡[] Hindi translation.