## 3905 Oral Answers

†[िलाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री डी॰ ग्रार॰ चह्नाण) : एक विवरण सभा के पटल पर रखा जाता है।

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श्री भगवत नारायण भागवः क्या में यह जान सकता हूं कि इसकी जांच करने पर जो दोष पाया गया, क्या यह मिलावट का दोष पाया गया था या कोई ग्रौर दोष पाया गया ?

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: There are certain specifications which have been prescribed and for the information of the hon. Minister I might say that there was infringement and failure occurred in two cases in respect of the Baudouin test and in two cases they failed in the free fatty acid test.

## RISE IN PRICES OF EDIBLE OIL AND GHEE IN DELHI

/Shri RAM SINGH:  $576_1 \land$  Shri DEVI SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICUL-TURE be please'd to state:

fa) the percentage of rise in the prices of edible oil and ghee recorded in Delhi during the last three months; and

(b) the causes for the steep rise in prices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) Prices of edible oils and ghee have, of late, shown a decli ne in Delhi. The latest prices of groundnut oil, mustard oil, vanaspati (No. 1) and ghee show a fall by 18-7%, 43:8%, 11-3% and 8-6%, respectively, over the December-end prices.

(b) Does not arise.

श्री भगवत नारायण भागंव ः क्या गवर्नमेंट को यह मालूम है कि हम लोगों को जो घी यहां पार्लियामेंट हाउस में मिलता है उसकी कीमत में, चार किलो के टिन में, चार रुपये की वृद्धि हो गई है ?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: We have taken into account the market price which prevailed in December 1964 and now as on 12th March, 1965. It has shown a definite decrease. As far as Desi ghee is concerned, it was Rs. 930 in December, 1964 as against Rs. 850 on 12th March, 1965.

SHRI C. D. PANDE: The hon. Deputy Minister has said that there has been a fall of about 18 per cent in the price of such oil, as compared to the price prevailing in

t[] Hindi translation. fThe question was actually asked

on the floor of the House by Shri Ram Singh,

December, 1964. But does the Government know that December, 1964 was the period when the prices were at their peak? Therefore, to say that the prices have come down by 18 per cent does not give a picture of real fall in prices. To give an accurate picture he should give information about what the prices were exactly last year as compared to the prices now.

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIA It is not less than what it was last year. It is a little more than that, but it has shown a downward trend. With more arrivals of groundnut oil prices are bound to come down. As far as mustard oil is concerned, in December, 1964 the price was Rs. 428 whereas the present price is Rs. 241, *i.e.*, almost 43-8 per cent and it is further falling.

SHRI C D. PANDE: December 1964 should not be the basis of comparison, because at that time the prices were at their highest. Therefore, to say that compared to that there is a fall by 18 per cent will not give a correct picture of the prices.

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It has declined from a point which it had reached. It is declining and it will further decline.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know from the hon. Minister whether the ghee produced by the Delhi Milk Supply Scheme is immune from market fluctuations and they can raise the price as much as they like?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No. As a matter of fact, for every increase tbey get the sanction of the Government and I can assure the hon. Member (hat there can never be any indiscriminate increase.

## INDIAN AIRLINES CORPORATION SERVICES OUTSIDE INDIA

\*577. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines Corporation operates any air services to any countries outside India;

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what are the names of the countries; and

(c) whether the Indian Airlines Corporation proposes to operate any air services to any other countries in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Afghanistan, Burma, Ceylon, Nepal and Pakistan.

(c) No, Sir.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know why IAC is allowed to operate in countries outside India and not Air-India International which is supposed to cater to the needs of foreign travel?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: The distances are short and it does not pay the international lines to operate them.

SHRI AKBAR ALI KHAN: May I know whether all the possibilities of expanding airlines in India have been completed and so you have taken Indian Airlines to countries outside India?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: No, Sir, it has not been exhausted, so to say, but then it is necessary to keep the services going because unless we are there we will be shut out from those lines.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know from the hon. Minister whether the services mentioned by the hon. Minister are working at a profit or they are bringing loss to the IAC?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Well, out of the five services, four are not profitable at the moment, but they are likely to be profitable.

SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: Every time we receive the timetable from the IAC we find newer and newer types of planes being added. May I know whether introducing varieties of planes does not interfere with maintenance, its cost and also the procurement of spare parts?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Yes, obviously multiplication of models is not economic, but as a matter of fact IAC is trying to reduce the number of models it has to acquire. The trouble has been that till