

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: When we find it difficult even to supply the existing card-holders, it would be difficult to issue new cards. But all the same having regard to the trend of supply now, it is increasing now after the steps that have been taken. So we may perhaps be in a position to issue new cards.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Sir, may I make this submission? This problem is agitating almost every Member of the House. I have given notice of a no-day-yet-named motion. I would request you to allow discussion on this subject.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: We join with him in this.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: I support the demand. I request the Minister to give this House an opportunity to discuss it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I do not give any assurance at present. I will look into the matter. In the meantime Shri Kureel has to put a question.

شری پیارے لال کوریل «طالب» :

کہا یہ بات صحیح ہے کہ یہاں پارلیمینٹ ہاؤس میں جو ملک تیار اس میں دودھ میں یا کس کیم ہیں کچھ دن ہونے دیکھ کر دیکھا گیا تھا - ایک چوہ کی لپٹنی ملی تھی اور اس کو کھانے کے ایک آدمی بیمار ہو کر گیا تھا - تو اس مسئلہ میں کیا انکوائری کی گئی اور کیا قدم اٹھایا گیا - یہ میں جاننا چاہتا ہوں -

†[श्री प्यारे लाल कुरील "तालिब" क्या यह बात सही है कि यहाँ पार्लियामेंट हाउस में जो मिल्क डिपो है, उस में दूध में या आइस क्रीम में कुछ दिन हुए रेंट एक्स-क्रीटा मिला था, एक चूहे की लेंडी मिली थी, और उसको खाने से एक आदमी बीमार भी हो गया था ? तो इस सिलसिले में क्या इन्क्वायरी की गई और क्या कदम उठाया गया, यह मैं जानना चाहता हूँ।]

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: The position has been explained to the hon. Member. If it has not already been explained, I am prepared to explain it to the hon. Member.

SHRI P. L. KUREEL URF TALIB: I did not get a reply whether it is a fact or not. This is a serious allegation. Rat excreta was found in the milk product here.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

CENTRAL TEAMS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

*52. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any joint Central teams on agricultural production are proposed to be sent to the States during this summer to look into the production programmes of the States concerned; and

(b) if so, what is the composition of the teams proposed to be sent and what specific purpose they would have in view?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) Yes Sir. The Joint Central Teams on Agricultural Production started visiting the States from 11th May and are likely to complete their visits by about the middle of June.

† [] English transliteration.

(b) The Central Teams comprise senior administrative and technical officers from the Planning Commission and the Ministries of Food and Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation and Irrigation and Power. Wherever feasible, Central Ministers/ Members of Planning Commission would also join the Teams. The purpose of the visits of the Team is to secure close collaboration between the Central and State Governments in formulation of agricultural production programmes.

SHRI A. D. MANI: According to my information similar teams visited the States in April-June of last year. I should like to know which States they visited and what was the result of their investigation. Was there an increase in production?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: Last year, similar teams had visited all the States of our country, and on the basis of their report a provision of about Rs. 19.4 crores was made for additional schemes, and those schemes are under implementation at present. Some have already been implemented.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Is it the objective of these teams to recommend increased allocation for agricultural production in the States or is it the objective that they should examine and inspect the work which is being done in the States in respect of agricultural production?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: The intention is to examine and inspect, not in the sense of inspection because the State Governments according to our Constitution have to look after agriculture, but the idea is to secure close collaboration between the Central and State Governments in the formulation and effective implementation of agricultural programmes. Last year also similar work was done. But over and above this programme the teams also recommended some additional schemes some of which were implemented and some are being implemented at present.

SHRIMATI SHAKUNTALA PARANJ-PYE: May I know in how many States the Government had found that there was an increase in agricultural production on the allocation that was just mentioned? I would like to know whether it is a spending scheme or a production scheme.

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: Because the production scheme is based on the spending scheme, so the intention is to effect increased production, and I would require notice for giving the exact figure; but there are a good number of States where agricultural production has improved, particularly Madras, Punjab, etc.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: May I know whether the projects which the Finance Minister announced—some package schemes of intensive agriculture—have also come under the investigation of these teams, and instead of talking and setting up teams, when will Government actually see that production is increased on an all-India scale?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: What was announced in the Budget Speech is also included because these teams are supposed to visit at least one intensive agriculture district other than the usual package districts, and the idea is to effect improvement. I do not think that what the hon. Member said is correct; he said in a somewhat easier way, "What is the idea"? The idea is to effect improvement and it is being done.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Will Government place the Reports of these teams on the Table of the House?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: Last year, in a booklet form, in reply to a question, it was placed in the Lok Sabha. And though it is not so necessary, there will not be much difficulty to do that. We will do it.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: I would like to know the specific purpose for which these Agricultural

Teams are being sent. Does it arise on account of the fact that there are certain gaps in the knowledge and techniques that are available at the State level which are supposed to be made good or is it on account of any superior technique that is available with the Central Ministry that these teams are going and educating the agricultural staff at the State level?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: I do not think that we should feel obsessed with any superiority or inferiority complex. Actually, the people who are on the field are not possessed of such knowledge as the technical people have. So, there is need to co-ordinate the two, the field people as well as the technical staff. So, it is the case of Government apparatus at the district and village levels. At the State level as well as the Central level, there is some difference between the standards of the two and therefore it is necessary that they should seek perfect co-ordination and collaboration. But the superiority question I will not admit.

SHRI S. C. DEB: The hon. Minister was saying that these teams were going over the States to improve agricultural production. At places where much damage to crops is being done by floods or by some other causes, may I know whether the teams are considering any schemes to grow alternative crops to have better production of agriculture?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: That is also our intention, and I know the area the hon. Member comes from; it is an area where the flood destroys much of the crop. So, we are thinking that we should try to raise one crop before the onset of the flood, and this is one of the schemes that are included. Everywhere we are trying to distribute that type of seed. And I will request the Assam Government, we have already done that. But we will further activate this programme.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: May I know if it is not a fact that in spite

of the tremendous expenditure that we are incurring on agriculture our country's percentage of increased production is much less than that of countries which did not spend anything, and in view of that, is Government thinking of reorientating the entire policy on agriculture?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: Actually, the entire policy and the programme, they are all under constant review and change also and then, this new change has occurred, and the Agricultural Production Board is constantly examining this. Already we have had under the chairmanship of the Minister of Food and Agriculture so many meetings with regard to reviewing the policy. It was pointed out by the hon. Member that it is not meeting our requirements. It is a fact that production has increased and our requirement has increased, not in that proportion but a little more but we are trying to struggle a little more.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: What is that . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

चाय बागान श्रमिकों के लिये घटिया चावल

*५३. श्री महावीर दास : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिल्ली के १३ मई, १९६४ के अंग्रेजी दैनिक "स्टेट्समैन" के पृष्ठ १२, कालम ६ में "टी गार्डन लेबर वान्ट कोर्स राइस" (चाय बागान के श्रमिक घटिया चावल चाहते हैं) शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत छत्र समाचार की ओर आकृष्ट किया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और सरकार द्वारा इस सम्बन्ध में क्या प्रबन्ध किया जा रहा है ?