

MR. CHAIRMAN: You cannot And out from an Indian name whether he is a Government servant or not. For instance, Zakir Husain may be a Government servant or may not be one.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: It can be found from the method of payment for the ticket. There is the Accounts Officer of the Indian Airlines. It is an easy thing to do that.

SHRI K. SANTHANAM: Would it not be possible to instruct the Airlines Corporation itself to have a proper column in its registers which will be filled according to the categories of persons who are travelling, so that in future this information will be available?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: That may be introduced, but that will give only the nationality of the passengers. So far as the foreign travellers are concerned, even there though we may know the nationality, it is very difficult to say at first hand whether he is a foreign tourist or he is a foreign executive serving in some industry or serving in some form in this country. So some information will have to be collected on that point also. Simply by nationality you cannot say that he is a foreign tourist.

MILK SUPPLY IN DELHI

*344. SHRI PANNALAL SARAOGI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the milk supplied by Government in Delhi is not pure;

(to) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) how much of imported milk-powder is mixed every day?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Normally, buffalo/cow milk does not contain any milk powder; but a small quantity is added occasionally to tone up solids-not-fat content of milk to bring this to the higher specifications adopted by the Scheme. The total quantity of skim milk powder thus used during January, 1963 was 0-82 ton. The quantity of milk sold of all kinds, including toned milk, was about four million litres, weighing nearly 4,400 tonnes.

SHRI PANNALAL SARAOGI: Is it not a fact that the Delhi Milk Scheme* invited tenders for milk powder about six months back for the supply of milk powder?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: They would have called for tenders. What is wrong in it?

SHRI PANNALAL SARAOGI: If they had called for tenders, it might have been for the purpose of mixing pure milk with milk powder.

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: Sir, I have already stated that some milk powder is occasionally added to upgrade the quality of the milk to comply with the specifications that have been laid down by the Delhi Milk Supply Scheme. For instance, the fat content in buffalo's milk, as prescribed by the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, is 6 per cent, but we sell it at a fat content of 6-3 per cent. And for solids-not-fat, the percentage under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act is 9, but we sell it at 9-2 per cent. So, occasionally to upgrade the quality of milk, we will have to add some milk powder.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Some milk is pure, some milk is purer.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: May I know whether it is a fact that the milk supplied by the Milk Scheme is a mixture of all available milk—buffalo's milk, cow's milk and goat's milk—and it is mixed and sold to the public?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: Both buffalo's milk and cow's milk are available. Buffalo's milk is sold as buffalo's milk and cow's milk is sold as cow's

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SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA: May I know whether it is a fact that on account of the addition of milk powder, the milk sometimes gets burnt while boiling and gives a bad smell?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: No complaint has come to my notice about it. As the House knows, the composition of milk varies very considerably according to the species, breed and individuality of an animal, time of its lactation season, feed supply, etc. Originally, when the Scheme was started, we sold milk as it could be procured. Put subsequently during the monsoon time complaints were received that there was no adequate fat content or solids-not-fat content. So, we thought that it would be more appropriate to sell the milk on a standard basis having regard to fat content as well as solids-not-fat content and we have adopted it. As I said, with regard to buffalo's milk, the fat content percentage is 6.3 and the solids-not-fat content percentage is 9.2. For cow's milk, although the percentage of fat content as prescribed by the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act is 3.5, we sell it at 4.7 per cent. Although under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, the solids-not-fat content of cow's milk is only 8.5 per cent., we sell it at 8.7 per cent.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Overwhelming information.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA: My point is that sometimes while boiling, the milk gets burnt and gives the smell of burnt milk. That is the general complaint and it has been brought to the notice of the Milk Distribution Officer.

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: Generally, there is great satisfaction about the quality of the products in which the

Delhi Milk Supply Scheme deals. Occasionally there are such complaints and they are attended to also.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The milk give* the smell of burnt milk. That is what he says.

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: I do not know to which instance the hon. Member refers. But if any such complaints are brought to my notice, I will get them examined.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: May I ask whether the large percentage of breakage of milk bottles still continues because a few months ago I was told that the loss suffered by the Delhi Milk Supply Scheme because of the breakage of milk bottles is as high as Rs. 1 lakh a year?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: This does not arise out of this question. It was answered some time back and I gave out figures to the effect that compared to any other milk supply scheme anywhere in the world the percentage of breakage was lower here in the Delhi Milk Supply Scheme.

SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: May I know whether the Government is encouraging the production of milk powder on a small-scale industry's basis also at different places?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: This does not arise out of this question. But the Delhi Milk Supply Scheme itself manufactures milk powder.

SHRI SONUSING DHANSING PATIL: Does the Delhi Milk Supply Scheme produce any milk? If not, why not?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: Perhaps, my friend has in mind the point whether the Delhi Milk Supply Scheme possesses any buffaloes and cows. It does not.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether it is a fact that what is sold as toned milk by the Delhi Milk Supply Scheme is only milk powder put in hot water and bottled?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: Generally, buffalo's milk and cow's milk are sold as buffalo's milk and cow's milk. Normally, we do not add any milk powder at all except on occasions when the fat content comes down or something like that. With regard to toned milk also, normally there is no occasion to have the milk powder mixed with hot water. But only at certain periods we have to use milk powder also.

In the winter season, even for the supply of toned milk, we use buffalo's milk and cow's milk, and extract only extra butter from that.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know whether the milk supplied by the Delhi Milk Supply Scheme is as pure or purer than the milk supplied by ordinary milk sellers in Delhi?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Pure is pure.

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: It is pure.

*345. [The questioner (Shri B. K. Gaikwad) was absent. For answer, vide col. 2712 infra.]

BANASANDRA-MANGALORE ROAD IN MYSORE STATE

*346. SHRI SHERKHAN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have agreed to finance the ore-carrying road, namely, Banasandra-Hassan-Mangalore road in Mysore State; and

(b) if so, what is the total estimated cost of this road, according to revised specification?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b) A statement explaining the position is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b) Yes Sir, a grant of Rs. 44.76 lakhs was made in February 1959 for developing the Banasandra-Hassan-Mangalore road to single lane standard. The Mysore Government now want the Central aid to be increased to 50 per cent, of the cost of widening the road to two lane carriageway and strengthening the crust which are estimated to involve a total amount of Rs. 4.29 crores. This request is being examined in consultation with the Planning Commission.

श्री शेखर्खा : सेन्ट्रल एड के लिये मैसूर गवर्नमेंट से आपके पास जो तहरीक आई है वह कब आई है, क्या बता सकेंगे ?

श्री राज बहादुर : यह तहजीब वक्तन फववतन आती रहती है । लेकिन खास इस सरहद के बारे में पहली बार सन् १९६२ में एक तहजीब आई थी जिस पर गौर हुआ ।

श्री शेखर्खा : उस गौर करने का क्या नतीजा निकला ?

श्री राज बहादुर : अभी भी जेरे गौर है लेकिन सवाल यह है कि इतना पैसा अभी दस्त्याब नहीं है ।

श्री शेखर्खा : कब तक इसके बारे में फाइनल डिसेशन होने वाला है, क्या आप बता सकेंगे ?

श्री राज बहादुर : इस मामले में हम लोग प्लानिंग कमीशन से गाइडेन्स लेते हैं और प्लानिंग कमीशन जब तय कर देगा उसके बाद कोई फैसला किया जायेगा ।

CONNECTING BHUBANESHWAR WITH CALCUTTA-MADRAS PLANE SERVICE

*347. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: