

NATIONAL NUTRITION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

*489 SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Nutrition Advisory Committee has recommended the imposition of a ban on the use of milk for tea and coffee in restaurants, and

(b) if so, whether Government accept the recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D P KARMARKAR) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The recommendations of the National Nutrition Advisory Committee were communicated to the State Governments. A summary of the replies received so far is placed on the Table of the Sabha

STATEMENT

<i>Name of States/ Administrations</i>	<i>Summary of replies</i>
1. Kerala	The proposal to ban the use of milk for tea and coffee in restaurants will be extremely unpopular in Kerala, and is not acceptable
2. Mysore	No proposals have been made to prohibit the use of milk for preparing tea and coffee in restaurants
3. Orissa	The recommendations have not been accepted yet.
4. Punjab	Stage has not yet been reached to bring in legislation to prohibit the use of milk for tea and coffee in restaurants
5. Himachal Pradesh	It is not considered feasible to implement such recommendations
6. Manipur	It is not considered practicable to implement such recommendations
7. Tripura	It has not been proposed to introduce such a ban on the use of milk for tea and coffee in restaurants
8. Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Such a ban will do no good
9. Laccadivi Amindivi Islands.	No action has been taken to put a ban on the use of milk for tea and coffee in restaurants.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN.

The statement has recorded the opinions of only a few States and that too of smaller States. May I know why the other big States have not replied?

SHRI D P KARMARKAR I think, Sir, it is for those States to say that but still the States which have replied include Kerala, Mysore, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and the Union Territories of Manipur, Tripura, etc.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN May I know, Sir, if any sample survey or survey has been made to ascertain what percentage of children do not get milk at all in India?

SHRI D P KARMARKAR Well, Sir, so far as I know, sample surveys have been conducted with a view to ascertaining the consumption of milk and subject to correction the consumption is anywhere near about 2 oz per adult to about 17 oz in one of the Punjab districts

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: My question is about the percentage of children who do not get milk at all. May I know, Sir, if any survey has been made of the percentage of children who do not get milk any day?

SHRI D P KARMARKAR I am not aware of the survey, but unhappily, as my hon friend knows, children in India are not getting milk to a sufficient extent

SHRI N SRI RAMA REDDY May I know, Sir, how tea and coffee are going to be prepared in restaurants if milk is not allowed to be used in their preparation?

SHRI D P KARMARKAR It has been the experience that in the smaller mofussil districts, one of the reasons is

that the milk is skimmed out and there is a shortage of milk. With a limitation of hours of preparation of tea in the particular shops, immediately milk went down in price by about 30 per cent. It is a matter of fact that the shortage of milk is aggravated by the tea shops.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Is it not a fact that milk is available in plenty for six months in a year and the problem arises only in the scarcity period of six months in a year?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I think that is not my fault, but perhaps Mr. Krishnappa's.

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: What is the reply to part (b) of the question and may I know whether the Government have accepted the recommendation or not?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: With regard to this, as my friend will appreciate, it is the State Governments that are to bring it into practice and, therefore, we wanted the opinions of the State Governments. Most of those who have reacted till now have reacted unfavourably and we are not going to force our decision on them.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Keeping in view the shortage of milk, which we are facing, may I know, Sir, if the Government is thinking of banning those sweets in which a lot of milk is wasted?

(No reply)

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: We are importing milk powder in abundance from America. Will it not be fruitful to use that powder for tea, and may I know if tea prepared out of this milk powder is not tasteful?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I am not aware of abundant imports of milk, excepting, if the hon. Member means, UNICEF milk, which has to be given free and not sold in the market.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: I want an answer to my question.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Let her repeat the question.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Keeping in view the shortage of milk, may I know, Sir, if Government is intending to stop the production of such sweets in which a lot of milk is used?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I do not think that will meet with general approval.

COMPULSORY SERVICE IN RURAL AREAS BY MEDICAL GRADUATES

*490. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make it compulsory for medical graduates to serve in rural areas for two or three years before they are allowed to practise in urban areas; and

(b) if so, what is that proposal?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, if it is not a fact that our revered Prime Minister in one of his speeches at Raipur made this suggestion?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I think I have read something of that kind in the newspapers.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, if that recommendation or suggestion is taken into consideration by the Government?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: This question is under our consideration and I understand from the papers