

RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 1st March, 1960/the 11th
Phalgun, 1881 (Saka)

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

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*332. [The questioner (Shri S. Panigrahi)
was absent. For answer, vide cols. 2261-62
infra.]

*333. [The questioner (Shri Dahya-bhai V.
Patel) was absent. For answer, vide col. 2262
infra.]

PROCUREMENT AND MARKETING OF FOOD- GRAINS BY COOPERATIVE MARKETING SOCIETIES

*334. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: "ill
the Minister of COMMUNITY
VELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be
eased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the conference
of State Ministers of Cooperation held
recently at Jaipur recommended that the
cooperative marketing societies should be
given the monopoly of procurement and
marketing of foodgrains under the State
Trading in Foodgrains Scheme; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have
taken in the matter?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
TO THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION
(SHRI S. D. MISRA): (a) Yes, in areas where
State trading in foodgrains is introduced.

(b) The recommendations of the
Conference are still under the consideration of
Government.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know,
Sir, whether it is not a fact that some time
back some business of State trading was to be
entrusted to the co-operative societies, and
what is the extent of their performance?

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: Sir, the answer to
the first part of the question is 'Yes, Sir.' As
for the second part, the matter is still under
consideration.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know,
Sir, how this entire volume of business is
going to be performed, as far as the co-
operative marketing societies are concerned?
As far as I know, Sir, these societies have not
been started all over the States.

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: Sir, there are two
stages in regard to this matter, one is ultimate
and another is interim. During the interim
stage, Sir, the idea is to have these societies
linked up with the primary cooperative
societies, and it is also our desire to have an
apex co-operative marketing society, In each
State.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: What are the
States in which co-operative societies have
undertaken the State trading work or the
procurement of foodgrains?

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: I think, Sir, the State
of Assam has so far done something in that
direction. The other States are contemplating
to do it. It is a new scheme and every State is
trying to implement it as far as its capacity
goes.

**श्री पं० ना० राजभोज : क्या माननीय
मंत्री बतायेंगे कि क्या सरकार के पास इस
बात की जानकारी है कि देश में कितनी
मार्केटिंग सोसाइटीज़ हैं और वे अपना
प्राप्त करने के काम के लिये पूरी हैं ?**

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: There are at present,
Sir, 1,060 marketing societies and it has been
contemplated that during the year 1959-60
545 more societies will come into existence.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know,
Sir, whether the Government are
contemplating to have any safeguards against
the monopolistic tendencies which co-
operative societies might be adopting?

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: I think the hon. Member know³ that co-operative societies are themselves a guarantee against such monopolistic tendencies.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Since these co-operative societies will have to perform the function of procurement as well as of marketing, I would like to know whether they will have their own finances or whether the Centre or- the States will advance them finances.

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: It has been accepted, Sir, that the co-operative societies, for procuring foodgrains will get ample credit facilities from the Central co-operative agencies.

SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I know whether it is a fact that in the Madras State the entire work of procurement, storage and distribution under the State Trading Scheme has been entrusted only to co-operative societies, which have successfully implemented the whole thing?

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: I think, Sir, it is correct to some extent, but it is not on any monopolistic basis.

श्री राम सहाय : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस बात की कोई जांच की गई है कि किस स्टेट में कौनसी कोऑपरेटिव सोसाइटीज़ इस प्रकार की हैं जो इस काम को सुचारु रूप से चला सकेंगी ?

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: I have already stated that co-operative trading is going on on a monopolistic basis only in Assam.

श्री राम सहाय : मैं यह जानना चाहता था कि क्या इस बात की कोई जांच की गई है या कोई सर्वे किया गया है कि दरभंगाल किस स्टेट में कौन कौन सी सोसाइटीज़ इस प्रकार की हैं जो इस कार्य को अच्छी तरह से चला सकेंगी ?

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: I do not think I am in a position to answer that question, Sir.

SUPPLY OF TRACTORS IN THE COUNTRY

*335. SHRI HARIHAR PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps which are being taken by Government for providing adequate supply of tractors in the country and also to lower their price?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): Schemes for indigenous manufacture of tractors are being expedited. In the meantime, some tractors are being imported through the State Trading Corporation on rupee payment from East European countries in order to make up the shortfall in imports. The prices of these tractors are fixed by the State Trading Corporation.

SHRI HARIHAR PATEL: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that quite a large number of farmers who visited the World Agriculture Fair indicated their desire to purchase these tractors and, if so, what is the supply position?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I could not hear the question, but if I am correct, he asked whether a number of farmers were asking for tractors. Yes, Sir, there is a great demand in the country for more and more tractors and farmers were impressed by these tractors, but unfortunately we come across difficulties of foreign exchange.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know whether the tractors which are being imported from the East European countries on rupee payments are small tractors or big tractors, and what is the demand with respect to small tractors?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Sir, there are generally two kinds of tractors which are imported on rupee payments. One is 34 h.p. tractor and the