

RAJYA SABHA

Monday, 4th May 1959

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

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*236 and *237. [The questioner (Shri Amolakh Chand) was absent. For answers, vide cols. 1585—87 infra.]

१९५८ में चावल का आयात

*२३८. श्रीमती सीता युद्धवीर : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सन् १९५८ में चावल के आयात के लिये कितनी कीमत देनी पड़ी; और

(ख) इस में कितना विदेशी विनिमय लगा ?

†[IMPORT OF RICE IN 1958

*238. SHRIMATI SEETA YUDHVIR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount paid for the import of rice during the year 1958; and

(b) the amount of foreign exchange involved in it?]

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री ए० पी० जैन)

(क) सन् १९५८ में आयातित चावल का कुल मूल्य और भाड़ा १८.५ करोड़ रुपये था ।

(ख) लगभग २६.५ करोड़ रुपये ।

†[THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN):

(a) Total Cost and Freight value of rice imported in the year 1958 was about Rs. 18.5 crores.

(b) About Rs. 16.5 crores.]

श्रीमती सीता युद्धवीर: क्या यह विदेशी मुद्रा जो अनाज के लिये खर्च हो रही है उसके बजाय खाद के कारखाने बनाने में खर्च

करना मुनासिब है और क्या खाद के कारखाने बनाने से विदेशी मुद्रा की बचत नहीं होगी ?

श्री ए० पी० जैन : खाद के कारखाने भी बनाये जा रहे हैं और खाद बाहर से भी मंगायी जा रहा है ।

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: While some of the producers from Andhra Pradesh are prepared to sell rice, is it a fact that the Government has failed to procure this amount of rice while so much of foreign exchange is spent on importing rice?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: There is a separate question about Andhra Pradesh and if the hon. Member puts this supplementary question when that question comes, it will be better:

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Repeatedly it has been brought to the notice of the Ministry that the Andhra Pradesh Government is not pursuing the policy that has been laid down by the Centre for procurement . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Put a separate question. This is about import of rice.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: While import is allowed, local procurement is not taking place.

(No reply)

SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I know from which countries this rice is imported and at what price?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: From Burma and Viet Nam. The price of Burma rice was, in 1958. £32 per ton and the price of 6.6 thousand tons of rice from Viet Nam was Rs. 30.2 lakhs.

SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: How does the price of imported rice compare with the procured rice in the country?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: The figures about the price of rice inside the country have been given more than once and there is such a large number of varieties that the details of prices cover several pages.

†[] English translation.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: What is the amount of rice imported from the U.S.A., and at what price?"

SHRI A. P. JAIN: Nothing in 1958.

SHRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR: The cost of import is Rs. 18 crores and foreign exchange is Rs. 16 crores. How is the other Rs. 2 terms of rupees.

SHRI A. P. JAIN: Firstly the freight paid on the import of rice from Burma was not in terms of foreign currency. Secondly, both the cost and the freight for Viet Nam rice was paid in terms of rupees.

हैदराबाद और सिकंदराबाद की चावल की आवश्यकताएं

*२३६ श्रीमती सीता युधवीर : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आन्ध्र प्रदेश की सरकार ने भारत सरकार से कोई दरखास्त की है कि हैदराबाद और सिकंदराबाद शहरों की चावल की आवश्यकता को पूरा करने के लिये केन्द्र के गोदामों में इकट्ठे किये गये चावल में स कुछ हिस्सा उस राज्य को मिले; और

(ख) यदि हां तो, कितने टन चावल के लिये दरखास्त की गई है; और इस के लिये क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

† [RICE REQUIREMENTS OF HYDERABAD AND SECUNDERABAD

*239. SHRIMATI SEETA YUDHVIR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Government of India that a part of the rice stored in the Central Government godowns be given to that State for meeting the requirements of the cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad; and

† [] English translation.

(b) if so, how many tons of rice have been asked for and what steps have been taken in this regard?]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) and (b). Andhra Pradesh Government have come up recently with a request that the Government of India should supply 1 lakh tons of rice to enable them to maintain a reserve to meet the State's requirements for distribution during the lean period. The request is under consideration.

† [खाद्य तथा कृषि उपमंत्री (श्री ए० एम० थॉमस) : (क) और (ख). आन्ध्र प्रदेश सरकार ने हाल ही में भारत सरकार से १ लाख टन चावल देने की प्रार्थना की है ताकि वह कमी के समय में राज्य की आवश्यकता पूर्ति के लिये सुरक्षित भण्डार रख सकें। यह प्रार्थना विचाराधीन है।]

श्रीमती सीता युधवीर : केन्द्र ने हैदराबाद और सिकंदराबाद में चावल किस भाव से देना तय किया है ?

श्री ए० पी० जैन : केन्द्र तो हैदराबाद और सिकंदराबाद में चावल नहीं बेच रहा है।

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: While Andhra Pradesh is said to be surplus, so far as rice requirements are concerned, may I know the reasons why one lakh tons are required from the Centre?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: There are certain surplus areas in Andhra Pradesh. There are other areas which are deficit and then there is the question of the harvesting season and the lean season. In order to equalise the supplies and the price, the Andhra Pradesh Government wants some rice. I may also say that I had recently some talks with the Ministers and officials of Andhra State and their latest proposal is that they may be allowed to buy one lakh tons of rice in that State.

† [] Hindi translation.