

rural water supply and sanitation schemes have been approved. As to how much exactly has been spent, I should like to have notice.

SUBSIDY FOR UNDERGROUND DRAINAGE SCHEMES

*75. SHRI N. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the National Water Supply and Sanitation Programme Government propose to give subsidy for underground drainage schemes; and

(b) how many underground schemes have so far been financed on a basis of 100 per cent, loan?

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

(b) Sixty two schemes.

SHRI N. R. MALKANI: Is it not a fact that because no subsidy is given hardly any work is done under this scheme in the States?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: That is an exaggeration almost amounting to inaccuracy. Work is going on.

SHRI N. R. MALKANI: May I know how many States—not the Centre—are giving subsidy for underground drainage?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: For the urban water supply and sanitation schemes a sum of Rs. 21-66 crores was sanctioned to various State Governments up to March 1958 and a further sum of Rs. 850 lakhs, that is, Rs. 325 lakhs against Central plan and Rs. 300 lakhs against State plans for urban water supply schemes, Rs. 25 lakhs for Union Territories, Rs. 150 lakhs for Delhi Water Supply and . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: That will do.

SHRI N. R. MALKANI: My question was how many States were giving subsidy for this. While the Centre is giving nothing, no subsidy but only loan, is any State Government giving any subsidy?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: It is not as if they need subsidy; they are happy with the loans.

खाद्यान्न के भावों में वृद्धि

*७६. श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जनवरी, १९५९ से देश में खाद्यान्न के भाव बहुत अधिक बढ़ गये हैं; यदि ऐसा है, तो सरकार ने उनको नीचे लाने के लिये क्या-क्या प्रयत्न किये ; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली शहर में बाजरे व मक्के का आटा गेहूँ के आटे से तेज बिक रहा है और यदि ऐसा है तो सरकार उसके भावों को कम करने के लिये क्या-क्या प्रयत्न कर रही है ?

[RISE IN PRICES OF FOODGRAINS

*76. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAU-HAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since January 1959 prices of foodgrains in the country have gone up tremendously; if so, the efforts made by Government to bring them down; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that bajra and maize flour is being sold in Delhi city at a price higher than that of wheat flour and, if so, the efforts that are being made by Government to bring its prices down?]

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