

*814. [Transferred to the 23rd September, 1958, where it appears as Unstarred Question No. 262-A.]

DRAFT MODEL ACT FOR LOCAL BODIES

*815. SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Draft Model Act for Local Bodies has been prepared by the All India Institute of Local Self-Government, Bombay; and

(b) if so, whether a copy each of the Draft Model Acts for Panchayats and Municipalities will be laid on the Table of the Sabha?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) and (b). Draft Model Acts for Panchayats and Municipalities have been prepared and 3 copies of each were supplied to the Rajya Sabha Library on July 3, 1958.

Draft Model Act for District Boards is still under preparation and after completion three copies will be sent to Rajya Sabha Library.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: Why did it become necessary for the Government of India to ask the All India Institute of Local Self-Government, Bombay, to prepare the Draft Model Acts?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Because this is an institution of good standing devoted to the question of the constitution of local bodies, therefore, we entrusted the work to that body.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know whether the Government of India have examined these Model Acts and approved of them, or have they sent them to the various States for their comments, and if so, have they received any comments from any of the States?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Speaking subject to correction, I think we have sent them to the States and it

is for the States to consider what types of Acts they should adopt.

EXPORT OF BUFFALOES TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

*816. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Philippines and some other countries have offered to purchase a large number of our dry and old buffaloes and that we have not been able to meet their requirement; and

(b) the amount of foreign exchange so far earned from the supply of cattle to the Philippines and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA):

(a) There has been no request from any foreign Government for the purchase of old and dry buffaloes from India.

(b) The amount of foreign exchange earned on account of export of healthy cattle to Philippines was approximately Rs. 6 lakhs. No cattle have so far been exported to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know if some individual traders have made this request to our Government for such export of buffaloes?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: No, Sir. We have not allowed the export of any such useless and old buffaloes from India.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Is it a fact that in the Philippines they are using these buffaloes for tilling the land, especially for vegetable production?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Yes. In Philippines and Viet-Nam they are using our buffaloes for agricultural purposes and they have asked whether we could export the buffaloes and we are about to export 2,000 to the Viet-Nam also.

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : बफेलो के क्या माने हैं, भैंस या भैसा।

श्री एम० वी० कृष्णप्पा : भैंस होती है और भैंस के साथ ही बफेलो भी भेजना चाहिये।

MR. CHAIRMAN: They are always anxious to hear Karnataka Hindi, from Mr. Karmarkar and Mr. Krishnappa.

SHRI H. V. TRIPATHI: Are we exporting any other dry cattle?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: No, Sir. We export to some of these South-East Asian countries only buffaloes and some cattle for breeding and other purposes.

DR. A. N. BOSE: Can we not use these animals for the same purpose here also?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: We have got cattle from various countries for breeding purposes.

DR. A. N. BOSE: But my question was, whether we could not use these buffaloes in our own country for the same purposes for which they use them in the Philippines?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: In fact, some of these countries entirely depend on us for cattle for breeding and other purposes. We have supplied them these animals and the Government of India want to earn foreign exchange also and we have decided to liberalise the export.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: The buffaloes that are exported, are they old and dry ones? Or are they young ones?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: They were good buffaloes and they got very good prices for us.

SHRI TAJAMUL HUSAIN: Are there surplus buffaloes in India that they are being exported?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: We have a number of these buffaloes

and our cattle population is considered to be surplus for our requirements. Though we have not got enough milk, the number of the cattle is more and they eat away all the fodder available. With less number of cattle India can manage.

SHRI TAJAMUL HUSAIN: The hon. Deputy Minister said that the buffaloes are being exported for breeding purposes. What guarantee is there that they will not use these buffaloes for any other purpose?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Some countries are using them for breeding purposes and some other countries are using them for agricultural purposes as I have already mentioned. In Philippines and Viet-Nam they get them for agricultural purposes.

SHRI D. A. MIRZA: Are private individuals allowed to export buffaloes?

DR. R. B. GOUR: Are they from Andamans?

(No reply.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has asked whether private individuals are allowed to export buffaloes.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: It is mostly on a Government to Government level but if any individual is interested, we may consider the matter, because we are liberalising the export.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know if we have enough cattle to meet our actual requirements?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: No; but the point is, they want good buffaloes and we do not want to send them useless ones.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That will do.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: What is meant by a good buffalo?

(No reply.)