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Shri Harihar Patel

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Shri Bibudhendra Misra

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Shri Madho Ram Sharma

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Shri A. Dharam Das

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Shri M. P. Bhargava

Raja Ajit Pratap Singh.

Shri Faridul Haq

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Shri Santosh Kumar Basu

Shrimati Maya Devi Chetty

Shri Bhupesh Gupta

Dr. A. N. Bose

JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Sardar Budh Singh

Shri Pir Mohammed Khan

DELHI

Begum Siddiq Kidwai

HIMACHAL PRADESH

Shri Anand Chand

NOMINATED

1. Shri Maithilisharan Gupta

2. Kakasaheb Kalelkar

3. Dr. P. V. Kane

4. Shri A. N. Khosla

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

MR. CHAIRMAN: I should like to take this opportunity to extend a very cordial welcome to the new Members who have joined us. They have just taken their pledge. It is not a matter of mere routine but it is something which has to be taken seriously. Whatever our political affiliations may be, we are here to work for the material and cultural progress of our country through Parliamentary methods. That is the pledge so many Members, have just taken. The country needs the selfless service and political rectitude. We must try to achieve progress, it does not matter who gets the credit for it. Our influence abroad depends on our work at home. So, on this we have to concentrate. I may inform Members that if they impose restraints on themselves about the time they take or the language they use, the function of the Chair will fade away largely.

I extend to all new Members a very hearty welcome.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

PROCUREMENT OF RICE IN DISTRICT
HISSAR IN PUNJAB

*1. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rice is procured at the rate of 16 rupees

per maund from the District of Hissar in Punjab and rice is imported in that District from Uttar Pradesh at the rate of 24 rupees per maund;

(b) whether any complaints have been received by Government from the people in Sirsa in the District of Hissar in this respect; and

(c) if so, what action Government are taking in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) Rice is being procured in Punjab at prices ranging from Rs. 16 to Rs. 24-8-0 per maund for different qualities. Government are not aware of import of rice into the Hissar District from U.P.

(b) and (c). The millers of Sirsa Sub-Division represented against the cordoning off of the Sub-Division, but as this cordoning was necessary in the interest of the procurement operations, it could not be removed.

SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: May I know the quantity of rice which was exported from Hissar District and the quantity that was imported into Hissar District?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: A quantity of 3,674 tons of rice was procured from Hissar District.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know whether any target for procurement was set and, if so, what was the target? I also would like to know the quantity actually procured by the Government so far.

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: In Punjab, no target was fixed but it was estimated that about a lakh of tons could be procured and we have, on 15th April 1958, procured a quantity of 84,724 tons of rice.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know the price at which rice is being procured in U.P.?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: No rice is being procured in U.P.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know whether the rice procured in Hissar has been procured on a voluntary basis or on a compulsory basis?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: It has been procured on a voluntary basis but, towards the close of the period, some amount has been procured by requisition. The total quantity obtained by requisition is 8,600 tons spread out throughout Punjab.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know if any rice is being imported from Burma?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: It was announced, Sir, that we would be getting about 2½ lakh tons of rice from Burma.

SUPPLY OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS TO TRADERS OF FATEHABAD IN THE DISTRICT OF HISSAR

*2. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that traders of Fatehabad in the district of Hissar, Punjab had applied for telephone connections about one year back but no action has so far been taken in this connection;

(b) whether Government have received any representation in this connection from these traders; and

(c) what action Government are taking for providing telephone connections there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b). Yes

(c) A manual exchange is being sanctioned for providing telephone connections.