

**DIVERSION OF FUNDS ALLOTTED TO
I.C.A.R. TOWARDS SMALL SAVINGS
INVESTMENT**

***177. SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA:**
Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds allotted to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research are being diverted towards Small Savings investment; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

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

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

**अफगानिस्तान से आयात किये गये फलों
को धुआ देना**

***१७८. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान :**
क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अफगानिस्तान से विमान द्वारा आयात किये हुए सूख तथा अन्य फलों को अमृतसर में धुआ दिया जाता है ; और

(ख) यदि ऊपर के भाग (क) का उत्तर हां हो तो क्या सड़क के रास्ते आयात किये हुए फलों को भी धुआ दिया जाता है ; यदि हां, तो कहाँ ; यदि नहीं, तो क्यों ?

**†[FUMIGATION OF FRUITS IMPORTED
FROM AFGHANISTAN**

***178. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the dry and other fruits imported from Afghanistan by air are fumigated at Amritsar; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether the dry

fruits imported by road are also fumigated; if so, where; if not, why not?]

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री ए० पी० जैन) :

(क) जी हां ।

(ख) सूखे या ताजे फलों का जो सड़क द्वारा भारत में आयात किये जाते हैं, अभी तक निरीक्षण नहीं होता है और न ही उनको धुआ दिया जाता है, क्योंकि हेनिकारक कीटाणुओं का जीवन दशा में सड़क या रेल द्वारा आना इतना सम्भव नहीं है जितना कि हवाई जहाज द्वारा आयात किये हुए फलों में है ।

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Fruits, dry or fresh, imported by road into India are not yet inspected and fumigated because the chances of insect pests arriving in the country by road or rail in a live condition are not as much as in the case of fruits imported by air.]

**SUPPLY OF WHEAT FROM PUNJAB TO
FAMINE-STRICKEN AREAS**

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

(a) the quantity of wheat purchased from Punjab for supply to the famine-stricken areas of Bihar and other States during this year;

(b) the agency through which such wheat was purchased and supplied;

(c) whether it is a fact that wheat was purchased at a lower rate from Punjab and was supplied at a very high rate to the famine-stricken areas;

(d) whether the agent has earned huge profit in this transaction; and

(e) if so, what were the reasons for which Government did not purchase and supply the wheat themselves?