

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

*1476. **Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what is the quantity of wheat that we are purchasing this year and from what countries under the International Wheat Agreement?

(b) What is the production of wheat this year in India?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The International Wheat Agreement is from August to July. For the year 1951-52 we have purchased approximately 14,98,000 metric tons of wheat from Australia, Canada and U.S.A.

(b) The production figures of wheat are under compilation and will be available towards the middle of August 1952.

पंडित मुनीश्वर दत्त उपाध्याय: क्या मैं यह जान सकता हूँ कि अब तक इस साल के बाकी महीनों के लिये कोई ऐसा मुआहिदा है जिस के जरिये से हम और गेहूं खरीद सकें ?

श्री किदवाई: इस हाउस में एक से ज्यादा मर्तबा यह कहा जा चुका है कि पहले ६ महीने में जो कुछ आना था आ चुका और बाकी के ६ महीने में कुछ आना बाकी है ।

पंडित मुनीश्वर दत्त उपाध्याय: जून के आखिर तक उस के मातहत कितना गेहूं खरीदा गया है ?

श्री किदवाई: इस सवाल का जवाब कई मर्तबा दिया जा चुका है । जून के आखिर तक जो कुछ खरीदना था, वह जो फ्रीजर दी गई है उस में है, जुलाई से नये साल की खरीद शुरू होगी ।

पंडित मुनीश्वर दत्त उपाध्याय: क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि मुस्लिफ़ मुलकों से खरीदने के लिये क्या भाव मुक़रर किया गया है, क्या कोई युनीफ़ॉर्म रेट है ?

श्री किदवाई: भाव तो इंटरनेशनल रेट के मुताबिक है और उस का युनीफ़ॉर्म रेट

होता है, लेकिन उसके अलावा जो खरीदा जाता है उस का भाव बतलाना मुनासिब नहीं समझा जाता ।

Shri Raghavaiah: Is it a fact that at the International Wheat Conference recently held at London a decision was taken, namely that the price of wheat was not going to be decreased but that on the other hand it was going to be increased?

Shri Kidwai: The meeting of the Conference will be resumed some time afterwards to fix the price for the next year.

Shri Raghavaiah: May I know the price paid by the Government of India for the wheat purchased from abroad?

Shri Kidwai: The landed cost of the pooled wheat that has been imported from all sources is Rs. 20-8-0 at port town.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether India has purchased the allotted quota from the International Wheat Pool?

Shri Kidwai: Yes, Sir.

Shri K. K. Basu: Is the Minister in a position to tell the House whether the production per acre of wheat is showing an upward trend in the last two years or it is otherwise?

Shri Kidwai: I will just give you the figures for the last three years to show how the production has increased:-

	Acres	Tons
1948-49	23,342,000	5,085,000
1949-50	24,114,000	6,290,000
1950-51	23,983,000	6,590,000

Shri K. K. Basu: But, Sir, I wanted production per acre.

Mr. Speaker: Yes, the hon. Member wanted it per acre, but the hon. Minister has given the total acreage and the total production and the per acre figure can easily be worked out.

Shri Kidwai: I think the Member would try to do it.

श्री बाबसाह गुप्त: जो आंकड़े पैदावार की बाबत इकट्ठे किये गये हैं वह आमतौर पर सही नहीं माने जाते हैं तो जो आंकड़े इस वक्त इकट्ठे किये जा रहे हैं उनकी क्या गवर्नमेंट गांव समाजों आदि के द्वारा या और किसी अन्य प्रकार से इकट्ठा करने की तजवीज में है ?

श्री किशवई : पिछले दो साल से इन आंध्रों को सही करने के लिए गवर्नमेंट ने एक नया तरीका अख्तियार किया है, कुछ पाटियां मुस्तलिक स्टेट्स में जाती हैं और वहां फ़सल काटते वक़्त कुछ रक़बे की फ़सल खुद काट करके अन्दाज़ा करती हैं कि गवर्नमेंट की जो रिपोर्ट हैं वह ग़लत हैं या सही हैं।

DECCAN AIRWAYS PLANE (REPORT)

*1478. **Shri A. C. Guha:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the main points made out in the report of the enquiry into the air accident near Delhi this year of the Deccan Airways Plane;

(b) if there have been any recommendations particularly regarding the Deccan Airways;

(c) if so, what they are and what action Government propose to take on them; and

(d) whether the report has assigned any cause of the accident?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The Report is a long one. Copies of it have been placed in the Library.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, failure of the port engine probably due to starvation of fuel supply just before landing, when the plane was taking a steep turn of some duration in a banked attitude.

Shri A. C. Guha: May I have at least the broad lines of the report? I have asked only for some main points in the report, not the whole report.

Mr. Speaker: The report is already in the Library. It will be difficult to summarise that report in a short form in the Question-hour.

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know if the enquiry committee has gone into the causes of so many accidents to the Deccan Airways planes?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The enquiry committee essentially concentrated itself on the accident that was referred to it for enquiry.

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know whether there was anything mentioned in the report as regards the overstraining of the pilots due to not having had sufficient rest?

Shri Raj Bahadur: No, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: These questions were put some time back and there was also a short notice question on it.

Shri A. C. Guha: But the report was not available then.

श्री पी० एन० राजभोज : क्या यह बात सच है कि डकेन ऐयरवेज में जो आये दिन हादसे हो रहे हैं, उन से लोगों का विश्वास कम हो रहा है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : यह बात सही नहीं है।

Shri Nana Das: May I know the total number of people killed in air accidents in India during 1951-52.

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know if any of the recommendations of the committee has been given effect to?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Yes; several.

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know on which of the recommendations of the committee action has been taken?

Mr. Speaker: It is again going into the report.

Shri Syamnandan Sahaya: Is the hon. Minister aware of the recent impression about the Deccan Airways which is incorporated in the saying as it goes now: fly other airways and see the world; fly Deccan Airways and see the next world?

Shri A. C. Guha: Has the attention of the hon. Minister been drawn to the conclusion of the committee that the accident was due to error of judgment by the pilot when attempting landing during night. He misjudged the approach, under-shot and hit the top branches of a tree.

Shri Raj Bahadur: I am afraid the hon. Member is referring to the Dum Dum accident, not the Safdarjung accident.

CENTRAL CIVIL SERVICES

*1479. **Shri Krishna Chandra:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any temporary employees in the Central Civil Services; and

(b) what are the rules regulating recruitment, promotion etc., of such persons?