

IA Chopper Service to Bombay High

10206. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news report appearing in *Indian Express* dated 17th April, 1978 under the caption 'IA Chopper Service to Bombay High';

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government to the various observations made therein; and

(c) details regarding facts of the matter and progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK) (a) to (c). At the instance of Oil and Natural Gas Commission for meeting the transportation needs of their offshore platforms, Indian Airlines are examining the feasibility of operating helicopter services to Bombay High.

Rise in prices of CTC Tea

10207. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of CTC tea have gone up during April, 1978; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to hold the price of tea particularly of these varieties used by the common man?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) The average price of CTC teas of 1977-78 season at Calcutta Auctions during the month of April 1978 was Rs. 13.66 per kg. This is lower by Rs. 0.20 per kg., as compared to January 1978 and by Rs. 2.24 per kg., as compared to

April 1977, although it is marginally higher compared to March 1978 by 22 ps./kg.

The Average price of CTC teas of the new season at Calcutta Auctions during April 1978, was Rs. 15.47 per kg. as compared to Rs. 19.58 per kg. during April 1977.

(b) The Government have already taken a number of steps to ensure that tea prices for domestic consumption are maintained at reasonable levels. These include developmental assistance for increasing production of tea, levy of Export Duty on bulk tea and abolition of Export Incentives, sale of larger quantities through Public Auctions, and informal regulation of retail prices of Packet Tea. Steps have also been taken to arrange distribution of tea through the outlets of National Consumers Cooperative Federation and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd.

एम०आई०टी०सी०ओ० द्वारा भ्रष्टाचार को खरीद

10208. श्री कृष्ण लाल सोमानी : क्या बाणिज्य तथा नागरिक पूर्ति और सहकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या एम० आई० टी० सी० ओ० ने 1977-78 के दौरान राजस्थान से 20 लाख रुपये के मूल का भ्रष्टाचार खरीदने का अपना वायदा पूरा कर दिया है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उक्त भ्रष्टाचार में कितना भ्रष्टाचार खरीदा गया और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) उस दिशा में सरकार क्या प्रयत्न कर रही है ?

बाणिज्य तथा नागरिक पूर्ति और सहकारिता मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भारद्वाज बेग) :

(क) और (ख) 31-3-78 तक 16.70 लाख रु० मूल्य (25.56 मे० टन) की खरीदारियों की गई थी। अप्रैल, 1978 के पहले पखवाड़े में 4.90 लाख रु० मूल्य (10.38 मे० टन) की अतिरिक्त खरीदारियों अन्तिम रूप से तय की गई थी। अतिरिक्त खरीदारियों को अन्तिम रूप से तय करने में विलम्ब इस कारण से हुआ कि मीलवारा के संभरक केन्द्र बिचो कर के भुगतान से उत्पन्न विवाद को पहले निपटार

बिना सीधों को अन्तिम रूप से तय करने के अनिवार्य है ।

(ग) निटको को राजस्वान अन्नक की खरीद का एक स्थिर स्तर बनाये रखने के लिये कहा गया है । फिर भी निटको राजस्वान अन्नक खरीद एक सीमा तक ही कर सकता है क्योंकि वह निर्यात मांग से सम्बन्धित है । निटको ने अप्रैल, 1977 में रूसी, चेकोस्लोवाकी तथा भारतीय अन्नक विलेखनों के भीलवाड़ा के दोरे की व्यवस्था की थी ताकि सीधी खरीददारियों के लिये राजस्वान अन्नक की उपयुक्तता का आकलन किया जा सके । "निर्यात हेतु तैयार" अन्नक बनाकर राजस्वान अन्नक उद्योग को उसकी वर्तमान कठिन स्थिति से बाहर निकाला जा सकता है । इस उद्देश्य के लिये यह आवश्यक है कि अधिकों को आवश्यक प्रशिक्षण दिया जाये । निटको पहले ही भीलवाड़ा में अन्नक खरीद-सह-प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र चला रहा है । राजस्वान में प्राइवेट अन्नक व्यापार तथा उद्योग को इस केन्द्र में उपलब्ध प्रशिक्षण सुविधाओं से लाभ उठाना चाहिए ।

when such funds are needed for more socially desirable activities such as housing construction and road development?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE
(SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The information desired by the Hon'ble Members is voluminous and the efforts involved in its collection would not be commensurate with the results to be achieved. If, however, information is desired regarding investment made by any institution in a particular company, the same could be supplied.

(d) Institutions make diversified investments and do not block their funds in equity shares.

Purchase of Equity Stocks by Public Financial Institutions

10209. SHRI MEETHA LAL
PATEL:

SHRI M. A. HANNAN AL-
HAJ:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) if it is a fact that various Public Financial Institutions, more particularly, LIC, UTI, GIC, and its subsidiaries etc. make regular purchases of Equity Stocks in various public sector and MRTP Companies through Stock Exchanges in the country;

(b) what are the details of such purchases made by respective Institutions such as number of shares purchased, the date of purchase and the price in course of one year between 1st April, 1977 and 31st March, 1978;

(c) calculated at the purchase price what is the expected yield based on average three years price; and

(d) how does the Government justify blocking of public funds in buying Equity shares in the old companies

In terms of guidelines for LIC's investments, 75 per cent of its annual accrual to the Controlled Fund is required to be invested in Govt. Securities, other approved securities and other socially oriented schemes including housing, water supply and electricity. The investment in the private corporate sector including equities is limited to 10 per cent of the annual accrual. Similarly the guidelines for investments of the GIC and its subsidiaries provide for investment of 70 per cent of the annual accrual in Govt. Securities and housing. The investment in the private corporate sector including equities is limited to 30 per cent of annual accrual. The main objective of the Unit Trust of India is to maximise the dividend to its unit-holders and for this purpose it invests its funds primarily in shares and debentures of Public Limited Companies.

गोंव का निर्यात

10210. डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पटेल: क्या वार्षिक तथा वार्षिक वृद्धि और सहकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत में गोंव का निर्यात क्यों न किया जाता है ;