

Import of Essential Commodities

*39. SHRI K. M. "MADHUKAR": Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to import some of the daily necessities of the poor people to fight against the game of the speculators and traders; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b). Government have taken several measures to ensure availability of daily necessities to the poor people and for counteracting the speculative trade. Apart from extending the public distribution system, anti-hoarding measures have been intensified. In addition domestic supplies of edible oils are being supplemented by imported vegetable oils like Soyabean oil, Palm oil, Rapeseed oil to the extent of 1.25 lakh tonnes between July and December, 1976. Similarly, imports of kerosene oil of 8 lakh tonnes have been decided upon during the current calendar year.

Participation of Film Artistes in A.I.R. and T.V. Programmes

*40. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has proposed participation of film artistes in AIR and Television programmes;

(b) whether there has been any agreement between the representatives of the Film Industry and his Ministry in this regard; and

(c) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. As a result of discussions in various forums of film personalities, an agreement is being worked out to seek their participation in AIR and T.V. programmes.

(c) The agreement provides for the Producers/Directors/Composers Lyricists/Story or Dialogue Writers/Performers etc. to participate in programmes broadcast/telecast over AIR and Doordarshan in such manner as may be decided by the Director General, AIR/ Doordarshan on payment of fee on rates prevalent in AIR/Doordarshan from time to time.

Distribution of Essential Articles through fair price shops

149. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Minister for Industries had assured recently that the distribution of all necessary articles including food for students would be made at reduced prices through the fair price shops in all the States; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b). In pursuance of implementation of part of the 20-Point Economic Programme, Government have formulated a scheme for supply of essential consumer articles to the student community. 76 Central Consumer Cooperative Stores in 43 towns have been selected for the supply of these commodities to students through consumer cooperative institu-

tions. The State Governments have also been advised to extend the scope of the scheme to students' hostels in University/Degree Colleges and approved lodging houses in all cities and towns with a population of 1 lakh and above, and also to hostels and institutions of higher education, even at places with smaller population. Under the scheme, the cooperative institutions will make supplies to students' hostels, University/Degree Colleges, which are essential in nature, such as foodgrains, pulses, spices, vanaspati, edible oils, tea, coffee, soap, bread, eggs, controlled cloth, salt, hoisery goods, cycle tyres and tubes, paper and stationery including exercise books, dry battery cells etc. on preferential/concessional terms to be settled mutually between the cooperatives and students' hostels. Arrangements have been made through the Public Distribution System, including cooperatives, for supply of essential consumer goods to 3344 students' hostels in University/College hostels and approved lodgings under the programme benefiting 2.71 lakh students as at the end of June, 1976.

It has recently been decided to make Central assistance available for the establishment of "Common Kitchen Centres" for "Students" through University/College Consumer Co-operative Stores. Under this scheme, the assistance of Rs. 20,000 would be made available for setting up common kitchen centres for students, through the University/College Consumer Co-operative Stores, for running each such centre consisting of a unit of about 100 students. Out of this, Rs. 15,000 would be given as share capital contribution to each of the societies to serve as margin money and Rs. 5,000 or 50 per cent of the actual cost involved (whichever is less), for the purchase of utensils and other essential kitchen equipments, furniture etc. for running such kitchen centres for students. The State Governments have been asked to furnish proposals for sanction.

दामापुर छावनी के निवासियों की समस्याएँ

151. श्री रामावतार साहू : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि,

(क) क्या दामापुर छावनी बोर्ड क्षेत्र के निवासियों ने अपनी कुछ समस्याओं के बारे में हाल ही में एक ज्ञापन पेश किया है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो तरतुबद्धी तथ्य क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार को उसके बारे में क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री जे० बी० पटनायक) : (क) से (ग). माननीय सदस्य अनुमानतः दामापुर छावनी क्षेत्र के 47 व्यक्तियों द्वारा 4 मई 1976 को क्षेत्र में अभ्यावेदन का उल्लेख कर रहे हैं। अभ्यावेदन में आरोप है कि छावनी का कार्यक्रम अधिकारी 20 सूत्री प्राथिक कार्यक्रम का पालन नहीं कर रहा है, छावनी क्षेत्र का निरीक्षण नहीं करता, मदकों की परतमत्त के लिए धन का बेहमाने से विनिर्वाजन किया बाढ़ के दौरान निरुद्ध पेट्रोल का नीलाम नहीं किया और इनका स्टैंड के आवंटन के लिए इसकी नीलामी के बजाए टेंडर मांगे। इन आरोपों को सरकार द्वारा वाच-पड़नाम की गई है और उन्हें निराधार पाया गया।

बंगल-देश-पश्चिम बंगाल सीमा पर घाटे
गये डाकू

152. श्री भागीरथ शंकर : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बंगलादेश तथा पश्चिम बंगाल की सीमा पर जून, 1976 में घाटे गये डाकूओं की कुल संख्या कितनी है और ये डाकू कहाँ-कहाँ के रहने वाले थे ; और