

**MR. SPEAKER:** You now know the feelings of the House; would you not like to reconsider the matter?

**SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA:** No, Sir; I have very clearly stated that formerly we were purchasing milk with fat content of 26 per cent and 24 per cent. I do not have any milk with 24 per cent fat content; we are getting now milk with 6.5 per cent fat content from various States and cow's milk is only 4.2 per cent fat content. About the working of the D.M.S. I am saying that I am looking into that, taking personal interest and trying to find out the problems, wherever they are.... (*Interruptions*) They were losing Rs. 7 crores per year; we have inherited it from them and we are trying to improve the position.... (*Interruptions*)

**SHRI VASANT SATHE (Akola):** At least during summer, step ice cream, khoya, mithai, etc. At least do this in summer. Why dont they do it?.... (*Interruptions*)

**MR. SPEAKER:** This is not a debate. Now, statement by the Minister.

**SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA:** It is a matter of exceptional importance.

**MR. SPEAKER:** We have taken up the other business now. The hon. Minister.

STATEMENT RE. CORRECTION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION GIVEN BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION ON 25TH APRIL, 1978

12.50 hrs.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): In reply to a Question by Shri Vasant Sathe, M.P., during the discussions

on Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation on the 25th April, 1978, I had mentioned that

"For M. Sc. Agriculture classes only a graduate who has done B. Sc. Agriculture is eligible; nobody else can go in for that. Similarly, for Ph. D. in Agriculture only those who have done M. Sc. in Agriculture can apply".

After ascertaining the facts, I regret to say that the correct position is slightly different. I have, therefore, to clarify that for M. Sc. in Agriculture (Agronomy, Horticulture and Agricultural Extension) only B. Sc. (Agriculture) graduates are admitted at IARI. In other disciplines, non-agricultural graduates from cognate branches of Natural and Social Sciences are eligible, though in practice most of the students admitted are agricultural graduates. For Ph. D. the actual intake of non-agricultural graduates is even smaller. The question of restricting the eligibility to agricultural graduates for admission to M. Sc. and Ph. D. at IARI is under consideration of the ICAR.

**SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA:** (Delhi Sadar): On a point of order. My submission is that we are elected by four lakhs of people.

**MR. SPEAKER:** What is the point of order.

**SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA:** Unless you allow us to air the feelings of the people here.... (*Interruptions*) I know the rules.

**MR. SPEAKER:** You have to follow the rules.

**SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA:** 377 is there. You can permit me to air the feeling of the people on that matter.... (*Interruptions*) Why have I been elected here, if I am not allowed to speak?