

Sick FPU in the Country

9055. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
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YAPPA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick food processing units in the country; and

(b) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b). Food Processing Industries are in the organised, unorganised and Co-operative sectors. Information in respect of sick food processing units is not being maintained centrally.

Price Printed on Packaged Items

9056. SHRI RAM SAGAR (SAIDPUR): Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices printed on the packaged items are far too excessive and there is no relation between the cost of the product and the price; and

(b) if so, details of steps taken to review the matter and to fix the margins of profit of the manufacturers, wholesalers; retailers etc. to check the rise in price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b). The sale and distribution of the packaged commodities is governed by the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities Rules, 1977, which are designed to establish fair trading and price discipline in respect of commodities sold to consumers in

packaged form. The Rules prescribe mandatory declaration of sale price on the package in orders to prohibit the retail dealers from charging more the printed price and to protect the consumer against arbitrary price rise effected by the trade without any relationship to manufacturing cost.

Fixation of prices of the packaged commodities or the packaged commodities or the margins of profit of manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers etc. are outside the scope of the Rules.

Strike by Medical Students of Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Delhi

9057. SHRI R.N. RAKESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY welfare be pleased to state:

(a) whether patients faced a great difficulty due to strike of medical students and employees of Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital on 18 April, 1990;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main grievances of the students; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). The medical students of University College of Medical Sciences attached with the Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital were on strike on 18.4.1990. They blocked all the doors of OPD, casualty and Wards. They did not allow the employees of the GTBH and patients in OPD, Casualty and Wards. As a result, Casualty and OPD services were disrupted. On great persuasion, the work in Casualty and Emergency were restored after 1.00 P.M. on the same day. The GTBH