

RAJYA SABHA

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The House met at eleven of the clock, Mr.
Deputy Chairman in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Command area development programme at Kota

121. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:
Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be
pleased to state

(a) whether the Central Government have
initiated various works under the Command
Area Development Programme at Kota in
Rajasthan, during the year 1984-85;

(b) if so, what is the total estimated
expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(c) whether the projects are likely to
receive the World Bank assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM
NIWAS MIRDHA): The Chambal Project at
Kota in Rajasthan is covered under the
Centrally Sponsored Com. mand Area
Development Programme. The Central
Government gives matching assistance to the
State Government for certain items for such
projects included under this Centrally
Sponsored Scheme.

(b) The total estimated expenditure .
likely to be incurred in 1984-85 will be
about Rs. 198 lakhs.

(c) Phase I of the Chambal Project which
has already been completed had received
World Bank assistance. The State
Government has not conveyed their decision
on posing Chambal Phase II for World Bank
assistance.

SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:

Sir, with your permission, I would like to ask
the hon. Minister this. Almost three years
have lapsed since the Phase I was over, and
the Phase II was not taken up. How is the
delay explained? The State

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Government has shown no interest for Phase
II. Does the Minister know that 60 per cent of
the employees have been retrenched and
agricultural land is being spoilt by water
logging and salinity in a big way? In view of
the inordinate delay, will the Minister care to
visit the site or invite the State Government
representatives to discuss and finalise the
matter?

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA: Well, Sir,
the First Phase of the Command Area
Development Programme has come to an
end- It ended in 1982. But the Phase II of the
Programme, which should have gone to the
World Bank for their appraisal and assistance,
has not been sent because the State
Government have informed us that they are
reviewing the whole Programme, the impact
of the First Phase. And they have detected
certain shortcomings and difficulties in
implementation of the First Phase, in the light
of which they want to revise the Second
Phase of the Programme. The Committee that
has been appointed by the State Government,
is headed by the Minister in charge of the
CAD Programme himself and we are ex-
pecting their final decision on what they
propose to do with the Phase II of the
Programme of the Chambal Project.

SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI.

Will you pull up the State Government to
expedite We matter? They art sleeping for
two years.

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA; Well,
Sir, it is not the policy of the Government of
India to pull up the State Governments, and
all I can say is, we are constantly in touch
with them. I visited the area myself, and if the
hon. Member invites, I can do so again. "We
have met the Minister also. He is also very
keen. But they find that there are many
problems in the First Phase, which they want
to avoid because a lot of difficulties have
arisen. There is a lot of public resentment, and
one of the things that they have discovered is
non-involvement of the beneficiaries and the
public representatives in this Programme
Many States have done so. but it is not so in
Rajasthan. So, in the light of the difficulties
that they have experienced as a result of their
assessment of the,

success 'or otherwise of the First Phase, we are pursuing them to come' for the Second Phase so that it could be proceeded with.

SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANARAO DESHMUKH: This Programme was put into action nearly ten years back. So, I would like to know whether there is any review of the implementation of the Programme for which funds have been released.

Secondly, is there any committee for scrutinising or examining the utilisation of the funds and to ascertain that the funds were not being diverted from the purpose for which they were allotted?

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA: Well, Sir, review of the CAD programme is being made in a number of cases. Some of these projects are financed by the World Bank. They have been deputing their teams to assess the working of the projects in certain areas. Then, the State Governments themselves have appointed Committees of their own to assess the working of their programmes. They want that the assessment- should be done so that they can change or amend their implementation proposals of other programmes.

Well, Sir, as regards whether the money has been spent or not, we presume that when the State Governments takes on a programme it is utilised for the programme.

श्री सत्यपाल मलिक : श्रीमान्, माननीय मंत्री जो ने कहा कि केन्द्रीय सरकार को नौसि ऐस मामलों में राज्य सरकारों को डॉटने का नहीं है।

मैं माननीय मंत्री जो से जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो राज्य सरकारें हैं, उनको सिंचाई के ऊपर फण्ड एलोकेशन की नीति इतना दूषित है कि जो पुरानेकेनाल सिस्टम प्रॉजेक्टों के जमाने का था, उसको भी सही तरीके से रख-रखाव नहीं हो पा रहा है और नतीजा यह है कि सरकारों का सारा रैवेन्यू तो सरकारी कर्मचारियों को तम्बाहों

में चला जाता है। सिंचाई की जितनी योजनाएँ सूची की पड़ी हैं, वह सब लम्बित पड़ी है और उन पर रोज रुपया बढ़ता जा रहा है। वह सारे काम रुके हुए हैं।

माननीय मंत्री जी, क्या यह बताने की इजाजत करेंगे कि वर्ल्ड बैंक के एक्सपर्ट्स की टीम ने कोई ऐसी रिपोर्ट दी है केन्द्रीय सरकार को या राज्य सरकार को कि जो प्रॉजेक्टों द्वारा केनाल सिस्टम बनाया हुआ है, खास तौर से मैं गंगा केनाल सिस्टम के बारे में कह रहा हूँ।

श्री उपसभापति : यह चम्बल प्रोजेक्ट के सम्बन्ध है। आप इसमें शिफ्ट मत करिए।

श्री सत्यपाल मलिक : यह इससे जुड़ा हुआ है।

श्री उपसभापति : ऐसा मत करिए।

श्री सत्यपाल मलिक : आप कहते हैं, तो हम इस मामले को नहीं कहते हैं। तो सारे सूची में यह हो गया है कि नहर सिस्टम, जो पुराने नहरें थीं, उनके जो किनारे हैं, उनके बारे में वर्ल्ड बैंक ने रिपोर्ट दी है कि यह बिल्कुल साउट-वेस्ट हो गया है, इससे बिल्कुल काम नहीं चलने वाला है, लेकिन स्टेट के पास फण्डस नहीं हैं। स्टेट उनका रख-रखाव नहीं करती है।

तो मैं माननीय मंत्री जो से जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या आप इसको टेक अप करेंगे ?

श्री राम निवास मिर्धा : जैसे आपने कहा यह प्रश्न इससे उन्पन्न नहीं होता, लेकिन फिर भी सामान्य तौर से मैं कहना चाहूंगा कि हमारे देश में ऐसी सिंचाई

की योजनाएँ हैं जो बहुत पुरानी हैं, सौ-सौ वर्ष पुरानी हैं और उनका आधुनिकीकरण किस प्रकार हो, यह समस्या भी सरकार के सामने है और कई राज्य सरकारों ने अपनी पुरानी जो लिखाई की व्यवस्था है, उसका आधुनिकीकरण करने के लिए योजनाएँ भेजी हैं। वरुं बैंक को भी इसमें दिलचस्पी है और अगर राज्य सरकार कोई ठोस योजना लेकर आती है, तो हम उनको समर्थन देते हैं।

* 122. [The questioner (Shri Santosh Kumar Saint) was absent. For answer vide col. 27 ... *Infra*]

New Railway (racks and wagons)

*123. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:-)

DR. LOKESH CHANDRA;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the total route kilometres of railway track added during the year 1983-84; and

(b) what is the number of wagons put on rails during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY):

(a) 91.01 Kms.

(b) About 17,880 wagons (in terms of four wheelers).

SHRI P. N. SUKUL: In the Ministry of Railway's report for the year 1982-83 that was circulated to us, it is given that 155 Kilometres of new lines were constructed in the year 1982-83. But, Sir, in the budget literature where targets and achievements are given, it has been stated that the target for the year 1982-83 was 85 kilometres for construction of new lines and achievement was 127 Kilometres only. So, Sir, these two figures seem to be very much apart from one another. In this context, I would like the Minister to explain this discrepancy as to why at two places two figures are provided by the same authorities.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri P. N. Sukul.

SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY: Sir, I have the figures of 1983-84 and also of 1984-85. I do not have the figures of...

SHRI P. N. SUKUL: I am talking of 1982-83.

SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY: I have the figures of 1983-84. I do not have the figures of 1982-83.

SHRI P. N. SUKUL: It is there in your Ministry's report for 1982-83.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He does not have it at present with him. You put your second question.

SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY: If he gives me notice, I will supply it. I do not have it at present.

SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Sir, our Five Year Plans are essentially development plans, and it is for the planned development of the country that our country chose to embark upon this planning process, of having Five Year Plans. However, as regards the Plan of the Railways, in 1982-83 only 1.03 per cent of the expenditure was incurred on development works. In other words, the Plan of the Railways does not seem to be at all a development plan, where only 1 per cent of the expenditure is supposed to be spent on development. In this connection, I would like to point out that originally the Sixth Plan envisaged that one lakh wagons would be acquired by the Railways. Because it is a rehabilitation plan-----it is supposed to be a rehabilitation plan-----this figure was subsequently reduced to 80,000. It was again reduced to 77,000-----that is, 77,000 wagons would be acquired during the entire Sixth Plan period. Now the Minister, in reply to another question, has said that the expected acquisition during the whole Sixth Plan period would be 72,000 wagons. From one lakh, we have come down to 72,000, and that is our expectation. We do not know how many we will actually acquire. I would like the Minister kindly to inform the House as to how many wagons have been acquired till date out of the expected 72,000 wagons to be acquired in the Plan period.