

है और खपत भी बहुत कम हुई है इसका मुख्य कारण यह है कि भाव काफी ऊँचे रहे हैं तो क्या इस पहलू को ध्यान में रखते हुए शासन यह विचार कर रहा है कि नये कारखानों के अन्दर 'धीरे चलो' का सिद्धान्त अपनाया जाए ? उर्वरक की खपत ठीक तौर से हो सके और हमारे अन्न उत्पादन के लक्ष्य में कोई रुकावट न आए इस दृष्टि को ध्यान में रखते हुए उर्वरक के भावों में जो कमी की घोषणा की है क्या उसको पर्याप्त समझते हैं ? मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूँ कि उसके आपने क्या भाव रखे हैं और उन भावों का प्रामाण्य पर सब ने स्वागत किया है या नहीं ?

श्री प्रकाश चन्द बी० सेठी : जहाँ तक उर्वरकों की खपत का प्रश्न है, इस वर्ष में फास्फेटिक फर्टिलाइजर की खपत में कमी जरूर रही है। इसकी खासवजह यह थी कि इसके भाव कुछ ज्यादा थे। परन्तु उत्पादन में किसी प्रकार की कोई कमी करने या नये युनिट जो बन रहे हैं उनमें किसी प्रकार की कमी करने का कोई इरादा नहीं है। बल्कि आशा यह की जाती है कि नये साल की बन्सिवत इस साल उत्पादन में वृद्धि होगी। पहले उर्वरकों का उत्पादन 1.5 मिलियन टन हुआ था और अब अगले वर्ष में 1.8 मिलियन टन उत्पादन होने की संभावना है। जैसा मैंने कहा, फास्फेटिक फर्टिलाइजर की खपत में कुछ कमी रही क्योंकि इसके भाव काफी ज्यादा थे। इसी वजह से माननीय सदस्य ने इस बात को देखा होगा कि फाइनेन्स मिनिस्टर महोदय ने बजट में इसके भावों में काफी कमी की है। यूरिया फर्टिलाइजर में 100/-र० की कमी की गई है और इसी प्रकार से फास्फेटिक फर्टिलाइजर में 200/-र० से 600/-र० प्रति टन के हिसाब से कमी की गई।

SHRI JANARDHANA REDDY:
May I know from the Minister, what are the new fertiliser units that are going into production in the year?

MR. CHAIRMAN: For that you have to put a separate question. Here it is a specific question.

Bibinagar-Nadi Kudi railway line

***272. SHRI R. NARASIMHA**

REDDY: †

SHRI KHURSHED ALAM

†KHAN:

SHRI SYED NIZAM-UD-DIN:

SHRI KASIM ALI ABID:

SHRI G. LAKSHMANAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of construction work of the new Bibi-nagar Nadi Kudi railway line; and

(b) by when the proposed line is expected to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH): (a) Final Location Survey for the construction of Nadikude-Bibinagar new B.C. line has been completed and construction work on Bibinagar-Nalgonda section has been taken up.

(b) The project is expected to be completed by April, 1980 subject to the timely availability of adequate funds.

SHRI R. NARASIMHA REDDY: Sir, this project is a very important project, and it came after an unprecedented agitation in Andhra. This was inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 7-4-74, and it was then said that by 1978 this project would be completed. Sir, in view of the importance of this project from the political, economic and psychological points of view, will the hon. Minister say whether the amount that is now sanctioned, Rs. 30 lakhs, is enough, and in this way this project will be completed by 1980?

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by **Shri. R. Narasimha Reddy.**

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Sir, there is no dispute on the point that this project is very important. It is also a fact that this project was inaugurated by the hon. Prime Minister in April, 1974. But, Sir, as you would kindly notice, with the allocation of funds that has been made and placed at our disposal, it may not be possible to adhere to the announcement that has been just now mentioned by the hon. Member. Sir, in view of this difficulty, I am afraid it will not be possible to complete this project within the stipulated period.

SHRI R. NARASIMHA REDDY: Sir, we are now told that it will not be possible to complete this project within the stipulated time. Then, why was this stipulated time announced for this prestigious project which was given to the people of Andhra Pradesh after an unprecedented agitation? May I request the hon. Minister to seriously consider this aspect and sanction at least Rs. 5 crores in the current year for this project?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Sir, in the background with which the hon. Member has put this question, we have already requested the Planning Commission separately for the additional allotment of funds for this project. We are awaiting their reply. As and when funds are made available, we will definitely take it up.

SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: Sir, from the replies given by the hon. Minister, it appears that there is no clear thinking on the subject. There also appears to be lack of thinking and planning. I would like to know whether any phased programme is made out in respect of such projects keeping in view the resources available, the urgency of the project and the requirements of the project.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Sir, the hon. Member will agree with me that thinking and planning cannot lie separated from the availability of

funds. We have taken up the phased programme also. In the first phase, the work that has been taken in hand is from Bibinagar to Nalgonda. The work is going on according to the funds that have been placed at our disposal.

SHRIMATI RATHNABAI SREENIVASA RAO: Is it a fact that the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has repeatedly represented to the Centre stressing the importance of completing this line as early as possible and at least by 1978 as per schedule? Now the hon. Minister has stated that the line will be completed in 1980. Can he give an assurance that it will be completed at least by 1980.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: It is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister has written indicating the priority of this project. We have written separately also and the State Governments request has also been forwarded to the Planning Commission for allocation of funds.

Issue of licences to foreign firms for production of drugs

***273. SHRI SAWAISINGH**

SISODIA: †

SHRI HARSH DEO

MALAVIYA:

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI:

SHRI NRIPATI RANJAN

CHOUDHURY: †

Will the Minister of **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Permission letters" and "COB licences" for drugs for a total value of about Rs. 200 crores which were originally issued mostly to foreign firms were later on declared illegal and cancelled; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to fix individual responsibility on

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Sawaisingh Sisodia.