

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY. Did you achieve the target set by the Bhabha Committee or not? I am not interested in the scientists

SHRI K C PANT I am interested in my answer (Interruption)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY Answer my question You cannot give an answer to any question you like

SHRI K C PANT Mr Chairman is there Sir, the targets have been met in some cases in the field of electronics But there are some areas of professional electronics where the targets have not been met, and wherever there is need to review the situation, that is reviewed That is an old report and much has happened since then There is constant review in these matters

Annual Plan for 1975-76

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have finalised the annual plan for 1975-76,

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how much amount the Central Government have earmarked for Maharashtra under the plan?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI D P DHAR) (a) to (c) Discussions with the State Governments and Union Territories on their draft proposals for the Annual Plan 1975-76 have commenced from 20th November, 1974 After these discussions have concluded, the over-

all outlays for the Annual Plans of States and the Union Territories including that of Maharashtra will be determined on the basis of the total resource availability to be assessed in consultation with them

श्री देवराव पाटिल सभापति महोदय 75-76 की वार्षिक योजना का निर्माण कार्य सिद्ध गया है। स्टेटमेंट से पता चलता है कि अब तक राज्य और केन्द्रीय मंत्रालयों से इस पर बातचीत पूरी नहीं की जा सकी और इसलिए अगले वर्ष की योजना तय नहीं हो सकी मेरा इशका लिए यह सुझाव है कि इस वर्ष की योजना तुरन्त तैयार होनी चाहिए। अब दृष्टि को प्राथमिकता न देने वाली कोई भी योजना सफल नहीं हो सकती। अब हथ वस्तु परब नीति अपनानी चाहिए। स्वावलम्बी बनने के लिए भारी उद्योग और उत्पादन के केन्द्रीय ढांचे को बदल कर ग्रामों के विकास, न्यूतम आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति, उत्पादन के विन्दीकरण पर हमें बल देना चाहिए। इसलिए मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ कि क्या इस वर्ष की योजना में कृषि, विज्ञान, अवशक, खाद्यान्न तथा विजली उत्पादन के कार्यक्रमों को प्राथमिकता दी जाएगी?

SHRI D P DHAR Sir, I am afraid, the hon. Member has raised several questions in one question As far as the last question is concerned whether we will give priority and due emphasis to agricultural production, it is undoubtedly true that this sector will receive the utmost attention and priority in the formulation of the annual plans for 1975-76 As a matter of fact, it would be unfair to say that in the Plan Framed, agriculture has not received the priority that it deserves But things have changed and I think that we have got to match our efforts to the changing circumstances and to emphasise achievement of quicker results in the field of agriculture This emphasis will be adequately placed in the formulation of the annual plans, as I submitted

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SHRI D. P. DHAR : Sir, if the hon. Member refers to the annual plan as he said earlier that there has been delay in the formulation of annual plan, there is no delay at all. The annual plan discussions are due to begin in November and as a matter of fact they started from the 20th of November. If he refers to the Fifth Plan well the Fifth Plan—it is not realised very often by quite a number of our friends,—began on 1st April, 1974. It has been in existence for six months and there has been no draft Plan... (*Interruption*). Well, Mr. Subramanian, we had a discussion on this, we can have another discussion on this if you like but let me complete my answer. There is no draft Plan. There have been instances where it has taken more than a year. Therefore, apart from the unfairness of the criticism that there has been delay in the formulation of the final draft of the Plan I would submit that it does not correspond to facts.

DR Z. A. AHMAD : Sir, it is obvious from the reply given by the hon. Minister that there is delay and there is inexcusable delay. The matter has been referred to the States and the Plan covers the period 1975-76. Two months are left for 1974 to end and I do know with what speed they will move. In any case, it only shows the bankruptcy of the Planning Commission. Now my question in this connection is whether while carrying on discussions with the States and getting the opinion of the States, a blue print has been prepared, confirmed and whether the dependable resources which are available or which would be available for meeting the Plan expenditure for next year and the new resources both at the Centre and the States' level are being tapped. If so, from which sections of society will these sources be drawn and in what form?

SHRI D. P. DHAR : Well, I am afraid, I do not concede the right of the hon. Member to judge the solvency or bankruptcy of the Planning Commission in respect of its planning process. But apart

from that, I would also like to state very categorically that there is no delay whatsoever in the initiation of the process for the formulation of the annual plan for 1975-76. The process has begun and the process, I would say, used to begin some time in November.

I do not know wherefrom this notion of delay has been entertained by the hon. Member. As far as the question of resources is concerned, the hon. Member, who has had association with the planning process in this country and who is extremely knowledgeable in this matter I am sure, knows that the position of resources is an exercise which is undertaken by the Ministry of Finance. It is in the process of completion and within a month or so we will be in a position to see what would be the resources like, what would be the order of the resources like and what would be the dimensions in which it would be available for investment in 1975-76. The third question that the hon. Member has raised is which are the sections from which these resources would come. I would submit with the respect that he may wait with a little patience and see the Budget when it is presented and he will know exactly wherefrom the resources have to come, but as a general principal I think the time has come when the resources from the agricultural sector have got to be tapped at least in consonance with the large investments which have been made in that sector.

SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN : May I know from the hon. Minister the total final allocation for the Union territory of Delhi for 1974-75 and the cut applied for the same period which is said to be very drastic?

SHRI D. P. DHAR : I apologise if I point out that this question does not strictly arise from this question that has been put, but if the hon. Member is unaware of the fact, which is a published fact, I will still make a copy of it available.

श्री रबी राय सभापति महोदय, मैं संदी महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि श्री डी.पी. धर साहब क्योंकि

इस पद पर नहीं रहने वाले हैं, जैसा कि खुद कहते हैं, क्या इसलिये योजना में रुचि नहीं ले रहे हैं? मैं डी० पी० धर साहब से बहुत चाहता हूँ कि यह खुद ही पत्रकारों को क्यों नहीं कह देते कि मैं जाने वाला हूँ। मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना आपके हिसाब से कब खत्म हुई और पाचवी पंचवर्षीय योजना कब शुरू होने वाली थी और यह भी मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि पाचवी योजना का फाइनल ड्राफ्ट सदन के सामने कब लाने वाले हैं।

SHRI D. P. DHAR Sir, men come and go, but the policies do not change. Whether I am in the Planning Commission or I am not in the Planning Commission is a matter which is utterly immaterial. It is a decision which the leader of the party and the leader of the Government has to take, but as long as I am in the Planning Commission, I take full responsibility for what is happening there and it is with that sense of responsibility I have ventured to submit before the House the information which has been asked for. My having talked to any correspondent or anybody is not true.

श्री रबी राय मेरा यह सवाल था कि चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना आपके हिसाब के कब खत्म हुई और कितना फाइव इयर प्लान कब शुरू होने वाला है?

SHRI D. P. DHAR Sir, I think it is not a question of very complicated arithmetic. The hon. Member knows that the Fourth Plan ended last year and the Fifth Plan began this year.

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI The Advisory Committee of Members of Parliament recommended that a village-wise survey should be made to find out what are their requirements with regard to irrigation facilities, education facilities, medical facilities, roads, transport, etc. I want to know whether the planning is based on the results of such survey.

श्री राजनारायण : हिन्दी में बोलिए।

श्री महावीर त्यागी यह रुपया जितना हो सकता है उसके बेसिस पर ही प्लान बन रहा है इसको जरा साफ कर दिया जाए।

SHRI D. P. DHAR : Tyagiji was very kind to make that suggestion to me more than year ago and I can assure him that as far as it was possible for the State Governments and the Central Government we have assessed the needs of the panchayats and the villages and we have tried, within the limitations of our resources, to match some satisfactory programmes with the needs.

DR K. NAGAPPA ALVA The budget allotment for 1974-75, the first year of the Fifth Five Year Plan and the performance have a direct bearing on the budget allotment of 1975-76. May I know whether it is not a fact that there have been three budget cuts in the allotted amount of Rs. 87.07 crores for family planning for 1974-75 by which the amount has now been reduced to Rs. 52.11 crores? That is a cut of 40 per cent in one year's budget. There is also a cut of about 30 per cent in the allotment for health in 1974-75. All these unimaginative and unkindest cuts will have serious repercussions on the Health and Family Planning Ministry achieving the desired targets of the health care of the people and family welfare and the nation's progress through population control. Will the Planning Ministry find out ways and means to restore the cuts immediately as only four months remain in this financial year of 1974-75?

SHRI D. P. DHAR I can very well share the anxiety which the hon. Member, an eminent representative of the medical profession, has expressed about the cuts which the sector of health and family planning has received in the current year. The misfortune of the planner is to adjust and harmonise the competing demands of the various sectors, and because of the constraints on resources, the allotment has been cut in certain fields. But as the figures relate to the current year I am not in a position to give the exact details. But the cuts that have been applied is a regrettable

fact, but a fact which could not be avoided. If we find hope in the horizon of the resource position improving somewhat, we should certainly take care that the effects of these cuts are somewhat mitigated.

DR. K. NAGAPPA ALVA : May I also remind the Minister that the Health Ministry looks after almost 80 per cent of the basic needs of the people?

SHRI D. P. DHAR : It is a very good reminder, Sir.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : I do not agree with my friend in the opposite side who critically remarked about the Planning Commission. The document that Mr. Dhar produced, I think, it is a very good document giving the correct appraisal that the future planner has to take. As far as that part goes, I think there should be no criticism.

Sir, so far as 1975-76 is concerned, may I know whether you have made any assumptions about the price-rise and what is the target for next year which will be incorporated by the Planning Commission for the Annual Plan? Secondly, now reports are coming about a glut in steel and also some glut in fertiliser. May I know whether the Planning Commission will not go and take assumptions on superficial reports but go ahead with the investments in steel and fertiliser and other basic core sectors which are required for agriculture?

SHRI D. P. DHAR : I am one with the hon. Member and I would say that the Government is committed firmly to the development of the core sector not merely as the main instrument for achieving self-reliance but as one of the essential instruments for promoting development in agriculture. And as far as the question of prices is concerned, we have watched the price situation in the last six months. There are some happy trends. These trends have got to be watched very carefully and the Annual Plan for the next year will be drawn up as far as possible on a correct assessment of the price situation.

As a matter of fact, we are going a little further for the next year. In sanctioning any scheme we are also requesting the Central Ministries as well as the State Governments to keep a cushion so that if there is a fluctuation in price of one product or the other that fluctuation to some extent could be absorbed in the pricing of the project or the scheme itself.

श्री राजनारायण : श्रीमान्, मंत्री जी के उत्तर से हमारा पूरक प्रश्न पैदा हो रहा है। मंत्री जी ने यह कहा कि पंचवर्षीय योजना गत वर्ष समाप्त हो गई। जब तक मंत्री जी यह न बताएं कि पंचवर्षीय योजना शुरू कब हुई, तब तक मंत्री जी यह कैसे कह सकते हैं कि वह गत वर्ष समाप्त हो गई? (Interruptions) नहीं, नहीं, मैं जितना वह जानते हैं उतना जानता हूँ पंचवर्षीय योजना के बारे में क्योंकि उनकी पंचवर्षीय योजना बनी ही नहीं, यानी 1967 अप्रैल से शुरू होनी चाहिए थी; सन् 1967 अप्रैल में शुरू नहीं हुई, 1968 अप्रैल में शुरू नहीं हुई। 1969 में जाकर कहा गया, शुरू हुई, मगर वह भी शुरू नहीं हुई और जब 2 साल आगे हो गए तो पंचम पंचवर्षीय योजना आ गई। तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ, मंत्री जी क्या खुद समझ रहे हैं कि उनके पास कोई योजना नहीं है? श्रीमान्, क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि आजादी के साल 1947-48 में रेवेन्यू एक्सपेंडिचर 234 करोड़ रुपए का था और 1974 के साल 5,408 करोड़ रु० रेवेन्यू एक्सपेंडिचर है— 23 गुणा ज्यादा रेवेन्यू एक्सपेंडिचर हो गया। आज 1974-75 के साल यह कैसे हुआ, क्या हुआ, इसका उत्तर स्पष्ट करे और आजादी के साल 1947-48 में जो करेंसी नोट थे श्रीमान्, वह केवल 60 करोड़ सर्कुलेशन में थे और आज 5,987 करोड़ हैं यानी 110 गुना ज्यादा हुआ।

श्री गुणानन्द ठाकुर : कितनी प्रगति हुई है, यह भी देखिये।

श्री राजनारायण : हा, प्रगति हुई अष्टाचार में, प्रगति हुई चौरावारी की, प्रगति हुई, मंहवाई की, प्रगति हुई ब्लैक मनी की, और वही काल धन आज इस सरकार को बा रहा है।

दूसरा प्रश्न मेरा सीधा इसी में से निकल जाता है : जब पार्लियामेंटरी कमेटी ने इस सरकार को सुझाव

दिया कि नीचे से योजना चलेगी, गांवों से योजना चलेगी, तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि किन गांवों में क्या क्या विकास और तरक्की के काम हुए हैं ? क्या वह पंचवर्षीय योजना आकाश से चल रही है या जमीन से चल रही है ? क्या गांवों से, गांव पंचायतों से, सलाह ली गई कि उनकी क्या विक्रमते हैं, उनकी क्या जरूरतें हैं। इसके बारे में मंत्री जी साफ करें और अगर मंत्री जी का विभाग बदलने वाला हो क्योंकि हर साल मिनिस्टर बदलते हैं...

MP. CHAIRMAN : Let him reply now.

श्री डी० पी० धर : भूकृि मात्तीय सदस्य ने कहा कि उनका प्लानिंग के म्ताल्लिक मुश्ते ज्यादा वाक्कियत है इसलिये...

श्री राजनारायण : हा, है। हमकी वाक्कियत है प्लानिंग की मगर सवाल तो इन्दिरा जी का है जो वैठी हुई है।

श्री डी० पी० धर : ... मुझे आनरेबल मेम्बर के साथ पूरी हमदर्दी है। सरकार उन के साथ नहीं है और उनके हाथ में नहीं है और अल्लाह का शुरु है कि ऐसा नहीं है लेकिन जहा तक कि माननीय सदस्य ने यह फर्माया कि उनकी वाक्कियत ज्यादा है प्लान के म्ताल्लिक, तब तो मैं उन्ही के बताए हुए बात से जानना चाहता हूँ, क्योंकि उनका ख्याल है कि जो चौथा मसूवा था वह पिछले साल तक पूरा नहीं हुआ, जो पांचवां मसूवा है वह इस साल शुरू नहीं हुआ, मैं उन्ही पर छोड़ देता हूँ कौन मसूवा कब बना, कौन मसूवा कब खत्म हुआ। मैं तो इसके अलावा कुछ नहीं कह सकता कि चौथा मसूवा जो था वह पिछले साल खत्म हुआ; पांचवां जो है वह इस साल शुरू हुआ। बाकी उन्हीने कहा कि आकाश से बातें उतरती है या जमीन से बातें उठती हैं, इसका मैं क्या जवाब दूँ। माननीय सदस्य जो हैं वे आकाश से बातें करते हैं, जमीन पर खड़े कहीं रहते ही नहीं हैं।

श्री राजनारायण : श्रीमान्, हमारा प्वाइन्ट आफ आर्डर है।

MR. CHAIRMAN : No point of order.

श्री राजनारायण : श्रीमान्, जरा सुन लीजिये क्योंकि हमारे सवाल का उत्तर तो आपका है (Interuption) जब मैं बोलने लगता हूँ तो कांग्रेस पार्टी की ओर से हल्ला शुरू हो जाता है ताकि वे लोग इन्दिरा जी के

नजदीक चले जाएं और उनकी दृष्टि में वे लोग आ जाएं ताकि उन्हें कम से कम डिप्टी मिनिस्टर बना दिया जाए।

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद नाथुर : आपकी ओर तो नहीं देख रही है।

श्री राजनारायण : हमारी ओर कौन देखेगा ? हमारी ओर तो जनता देखेगी। श्रीमान्, आप कांग्रेस के सदस्यों से स्पष्ट गढ़े कि राजनारायण के प्रश्न के समय जो लोग हल्ला करते हैं, वे इन्दिरा गान्धी की दृष्टि में चढ़े नहीं। मैं चाहता हूँ कि वह बात साफ कर दी जानी चाहिये। श्रीमान् साफ सवाल था कि आजादी के समय हमारा एक्सपेंडिचर 234 करोड़ रुपये के करीब था और 1974-75 में वह 5 लाख 408 करोड़ रुपा हो गया। आजादी के समय यानी 1947 में 60 करोड़ रुपये से ज्यादा करेन्सी नोट सर्कुलेशन में थे और आज 45 हजार 997 करोड़ करेन्सी नोट सर्कुलेशन में हैं तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इतना ज्यादा करेन्सी नोट का सर्कुलेशन क्यों हो गया ?

श्रीमान् उत्तर प्रदेश में चुनाव के अवसर पर...

MR. CHAIRMAN : No, no, no election here . . .

श्री राजनारायण : उत्तर प्रदेश में चुनाव के अवसर पर इन्दिरा नेहरू गान्धी ने तीन, तीन योजनाओं की नींव रखी, तो मैं यह पूछना चाहता हूँ कि वे योजनाएं कहा गईं :

MR. CHAIRMAN : Not allowed. Please sit down.

श्री राजनारायण : वे योजनाएं न तो उत्तर प्रदेश की प्लानिंग में हैं और न ही केन्द्रीय सरकार की ग्लानिंग में हैं। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि चुनाव के अवसर पर प्रधान मंत्री ने जिन योजनाओं की नींव उत्तर प्रदेश के चुनावों के समय डाली थी उनका क्या हुआ ? वे योजनाएं प्लानिंग में शामिल हैं या नहीं और वे योजनाएं पूरी होगी या नहीं ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please resume your seat. Mr. Minister, can you say anything?

श्री डी० पी० धर : जनाब मैंने अपने मेम्बरान बुजुर्ग दोस्त के सवाल को समझने की बड़ी कोशिश की,

लेकिन मैं मजबूर हूँ कि उनकी बात को समझ नहीं सका। मेरी समझ कमजोर है। इतना ही नहीं कि मैं उनकी बात को समझ नहीं पाया। आपने यह फरमाया कि आज़ादी के मोर्के पर कितने करेन्सी नोट थे और आजकल कितने हैं? तो कुछ तरक्की इस मुकाम में हुई है और उस तरक्की का जो रिफ्लेक्शन होता है वह उन शोर्षों में पड़ता है। मेरे ख्याल में माननीय सदस्य इस चीज़ को जरा गौर से देखें तो उनके अपने सवाल का खुद ही उत्तर मिल जाएगा।

बाकी एक बात उन्होंने कही और जिस का बराबर हमने यहां पर जवाब दे दिया है कि जो भी मनसूबे जो भी प्रोग्राम उत्तर प्रदेश में चल रहे हैं या चलाए गए हैं वे सब प्लान में शामिल हैं।

श्री राजनारायण : क्या प्लान में शामिल है ?

श्री डी० पी० धर : जी, हां। यह बात सही नहीं है कि वे प्लान से बाहर हैं।

श्री भैरों सिंह शोखावत : मैं मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहूंगा कि समाचारपत्रों में इस प्रकार के समाचार प्रकाशित हुए हैं। सरकारी प्रवक्ताओं के नाम पर या फिर अन्य प्रकार से भी कि पांचवी योजना को फाइनेशियल आउटले को काफी मात्रा में स्लैशडाउन किया जाएगा। इसका कारण यह बतलाया जा रहा है कि इस संबंध में फारेन एक्सचेंज की जितनी सहायता मिलनी चाहिये थी उतनी नहीं मिल रही है। इसके साथ ही साथ जो दूसरी बात है वह यह है कि देश में चीजों के प्राइसेज बढ़ रहे हैं और इस वजह से भारत सरकार यह निर्णय नहीं ले सकी है कि अगली पंचवर्षीय योजना तक किस सीमा तक प्राइसेज बढ़ेंगे और इन प्राइसेज की बढ़ोतरी की वजह से हर विषय में कितना एलोकेशन करना है। तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या इन कारणों से भारत सरकार पंचवर्षीय योजना की फाइनेशियल आउटले को स्लैश डाउन कर रही है? अगर कर रही है तो वह किस सीमा तक कर रही है और ये सब बातें करने के बाद पंचवर्षीय योजना का फाइनल ड्राफ्ट कब तक भारत सरकार जनता के समक्ष रखन को तैयार है?

SHRI D. P. DHAR : The question of prices will be taken into account very naturally in providing final shape and form and content to the Plan and that process is

afoot I would plead with the hon. Member that he may bear with us for a little longer till the final picture of the Plan emerges which will be very soon.

श्री भैरों सिंह शोखावत : मेरे एक भी प्रश्न का उत्तर नहीं आया। सरकारी प्रवक्ताओं के नाम से यह समाचार प्रकाशित हो रहा है कि पांचवी पंचवर्षीय योजना के ले-आउट को स्लैश डाउन कर दिया गया है और उसका कारण यह बताया गया है कि फारेन कन्टीज से जो ऐड मिलने की आशा थी वह उतनी नहीं मिलने वाली है। इस पर भारत सरकार को क्या कहना है?

SHRI D. P. DHAR : I would plead with the hon. Member to trust me a little more than newspaper report which he has read.

श्री भैरों सिंह शोखावत : गवर्नमेंट स्पेक्तिमैन बोख रहे हैं। ये कह रहे हैं कि कोई स्लैश डाउन नहीं होगा।

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Minister says that you can rely on him better than any other person.

श्री भैरों सिंह शोखावत : इसका मतलब यह है कि कोई स्लैश-डाउन नहीं होगा, फाइनेशियल ले-आउट में कोई कमी नहीं होगी ?

श्री डी० पी० धर : बड़ी कमी होगी तो कहीं ज्यादा होगा। आप इन्तजार तो कीजिए। मैं कोई गैरजिम्मेदारी की बात नहीं कहना चाहता। काम हो रहा है, प्लान फाइनलाइज हो रहा है, सारी तस्वीर आपके सामने आएगी। उस वक़्त आप फैसला दीजिएगा।

श्री गुणानन्द ठाकुर : श्रीमन्, बाढ़ और सूखे के कारण देश में करोड़ों रूपयों की बर्बादी होती है और लाखों लोग विस्थापित होते हैं। बड़ी-बड़ी नदी घाटी योजनाओं और बारखानों से जहाँ करोड़ों लोगों को बहुत लाभ हुआ है, वहाँ करोड़ों लोग विस्थापित भी बने पड़े हैं, जैसे कोरिया, पोंग, डीराकुड आदि बड़ी योजनाओं और छोटी योजनाओं से लोग विस्थापित हुए हैं। तो मैं मंत्री जी से पूछना चाहता हूँ कि क्या अगले वर्ष की योजना में कोई नया तरह की व्यवस्था है कि उन विस्थापित लोगों के आर्थिक पुनर्वास के लिए कोई ठोस आधार निकाय तैयार हो और साथ ही साथ बाढ़ और सूखे से

जो देश की करोड़ों रुपए की बर्बादी होती है और हजारों लोगों की जान जाती है उसको बचाने के लिए कोई ठोस व्यवस्था की जा रही है ?

SHRI D. P. DHAR : Sir, I am afraid the Planning Commission is being given much more authority than it possesses. It is very regrettable that some of the people who have ostensibly been displaced on account of construction of dams or projects remain unsettled. I will be very grateful to the hon. Member if he brings it to my notice so that I can refer it to the concerned Ministry.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : The House has just been told that the Plan will have to be redrafted and I sympathise with the situation though I must point out that it is Government's own making. I would like to ask the Minister, in the newly drafted Plan which takes the new situation into account, what is going to happen to the two specific objectives of Plan which were laid down in the earlier draft? These two specific objectives are zero nett aid by 1978-79 and raising the consumption standard of 30 per cent to Rs. 40 *per capita* per month by 1978-79. What is going to happen to these two objectives in the new draft of the Plan taking into account the new situation?

SHRI D. P. DHAR : If I may submit with great respect, because he is one of our bright economists, that he may correct himself to the extent that we have not said categorically that we shall reach a position of nett zero aid at the end of the Fifth Plan period. Our endeavour would be to gradually reduce our dependence on foreign aid and I think that in the past few Plans, this endeavour has succeeded to a very large extent and we hope that in future also we shall move towards this objective. The honourable Member is aware that some extraordinary factors have arisen in the global economy today and these factors have got to be carefully calculated and then alone we can have a clearer picture—I do not say, a certain picture or a definite pic-

ture, because the whole of the global economy today is in a state of utter flux and in a state of change and, therefore, . . .

SHRI NIREN GHOSH : It is the capitalist economy.

SHRI D. P. DHAR : Yes, it is the capitalist economy. But the fall-out of the difficulties of the capitalist economy will not leave the non-capitalist economy unaffected and we have to be realistic about this and we cannot be ideologues and we have got to look at these matters realistically. Now, Sir, the honourable Member will appreciate that because of the intangible character of some of these developments, because of the so many imponderables, which are involved, it would be rather premature to rush to a conclusion with regard to the aid position at the end of the Fifth Plan period. But, our endeavour, our effort, with which he is in agreement as a patriot, should be to move towards the elimination of dependence on foreign aid altogether.

Secondly, our objective of raising the standards of those people who are living below the poverty line remains unchanged. As a matter of fact, because of the conditions of inflation and the hardships which have been caused to the vulnerable sections of the people, this objective will have to be further reinforced.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Sir, one more point. I am not pursuing this question of mine and I am satisfied with reply. Now, Sir, there is a No-Dav-Yet Named Motion on this subject and I would like to know whether he would be agreeable to discuss this also when it comes up.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH : Sir, I would like to know whether the Soviet Government has devalued our rupee in relation to its rouble and, if so, what would be its effect on our Plan frame? I would also like to know whether, out of the so-called foreign aid which is promised, perhaps 80 per cent to 90 per cent is earmarked for debt servicing and repayment. In view of the fact that the rupee has only 20 per

cent of its original value, what is there of the planning envisaged in the Plan left? Can the plan holiday go on for six or seven years? Why not perfectly declare that you are giving up planning altogether? Or, you say something realistic and definite. Otherwise, it becomes a laughing stock before the country, I mean the exercise you are indulging in.

SHRI D. P. DHAR : Sir, I am afraid that it is a matter of pain for me to that an exponent of planning like my honourable friend should feel so gloomy about the relevance and the future of planning in India. As a matter of fact, I would have expected the largest and the most powerful support for maintaining the planning process in its purity in India from the honourable Member himself. Now, I do not agree that the rupee is a weak currency. As a matter of fact, the rupee has acquired greater respectability amongst the world currencies today. Therefore, it is not true to say that the rupee is a weaker currency today.

Then, I would like to submit that there should be apprehension whatsoever that there will be a plan holiday.

But if the hon. Member wants to have a laugh at phantoms, he is absolutely entitled to do so. But there will never be the possibility of an interruption in the planning process in this country because, if there is, it will spell disaster for the future of this country. If ever planning was needed in this country, it is today . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : Next question . . .

SHRI NIREN GHOSH : I seek your protection. I asked whether the Soviet Government has devalued the rupee in relation to rouble and, if so, what is the effect on the plan? He has not replied . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : He has not reply. Therefore, he has not answered . . .

SHRI NIREN GHOSH : He must reply . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have already called the next question . . .

SHRI NIREN GHOSH : He must reply to my question. On a point of order, then . . .

SHRI D. P. DHAR : I am afraid . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : You can explain to him separately. Next question.

केन्द्रीय रिजर्व पुलिस और सीमा सुरक्षा बल में हरिजन, अदिवासी तथा महिलाएं

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श्री नागेश्वर प्रसाद शाही †

श्री गुणानन्द ठाकुर :

श्री जगदीश जोशी :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि केन्द्रीय रिजर्व पुलिस और सीमा सुरक्षा बल में प्रत्येक प्रवर्ग में हरिजनों, अदिवासियों तथा महिलाओं का प्रतिशत कितना है?

†[Harijans, Adivasis and Women in C.R.P. and B.S.F.]

* 213. SHRI KALP NATH :

SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI †

SHRI GUNANAND THAKUR :

SHRI JAGDISH JOSHI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the percentage of Harijans, Adivasis and Women in each category in the Central Reserve Police and the Border Security Force?

गृह मंत्री (श्री के. वल्लभनन्द रेड्डी) : सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Nageshwar Prasad Shahi.

‡[] English translation.