

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P.C. SETHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is to create a Common wealth Fund of £1,000,000 for third country financing of operational personnel in a variety of fields, particularly in the field of training and education. India already provides technical assistance to developing Commonwealth countries under the Colombo Plan, the Special Commonwealth Assurances to Africa Plan and its own bilateral schemes of technical and economic cooperation. In view of our commitments under these programmes we do not propose to make any financial contribution to the proposed Fund. The Government may, however, offer training facilities at home and the services of Indian experts abroad, on a limited scale, provided that the applicable terms and conditions are acceptable to us.

DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

1676. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a suggestion to transfer the subject of Local Self-Government to the Department of Urban Development; and

(b) if so, what is the decision of Government in the matter and when is it likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : (a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under examination.

तमिल नाडु में तेलशोधक कारखाने का उद्घाटन

1677. श्री राम सहाय : क्या पेट्रोल तथा रसायन और खान तथा धातु मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह सच है कि तमिल नाडु में 27 सितम्बर, 1969 को राष्ट्रपति द्वारा किए गए तेल शोधक कारखाने के उद्घाटन के समय तमिल नाडु की मंत्रिपरिषद् का कोई भी मंत्री वहां उपस्थित नहीं था और यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

†[INAUGURATION OF REFINERY IN TAMIL NADU

1677. SHRI RAM SHAI: Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that no member of the Council of Ministers of Tamil Nadu was present at the time of the inauguration of the Refinery in Tamil Nadu by the President on the 27th September, 1969 and if so, what were the reasons therefor ?]

पेट्रोल तथा रसायन और खान तथा धातु मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री डी०आर० चव्हाण) : यह सच है कि मंत्री परिषद् का कोई सदस्य उपस्थित नहीं था परन्तु उद्योग मंत्री सहमत हुए थे कि वे उत्सव में भाग लेंगे तथा 27 सितम्बर, 1969 को राष्ट्रपति द्वारा किये गये तेल शोधक कारखाने के उद्घाटन के समय भाषण देंगे। तदनुसार उनका नाम, भाषण के लिए छपे हुए कार्यक्रम में शामिल किया गया था लेकिन वास्तव में वह नहीं आ सके। यह एक आपासी गलतफहमी थी और मंत्री महोदय ने वैयक्तिक रूप से बातचीत की और मुख्य मंत्री को इस बारे में बताया।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : It is true that no member of the Council of Ministers was present but the Industries Minister had agreed to participate in the function and speak on the occasion of the inauguration of the Madras Refinery by the President on the 27th September, 1969. His name was accordingly listed on the printed programme for a speech, but he did not, in fact, appear. There was apparently a misunderstanding and the Minister personally discussed and explained to the Chief Minister.]

सुरेन्द्रनगर के यज्ञ में सोने का हल

1678. श्री राम सहाय : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि या यह सच है कि 18 सितम्बर, 1969 के "नई दुनिया" के पृष्ठ 1 पर प्रकाशित समाचार के अनुसार

†[] English translation.

सुरेन्द्रनगर के कानपुर नामक गांव में यज्ञ की भूमि पर सोने का हल चलाया गया था; यदि हां, तो हल बनाने के लिए सोना कहाँ से और कितनी मात्रा में लाया गया था?

f[YAJNA AT SURENDRANAGAR WITH GOLD PLOUGH

1678. SHRI RAM SAHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether it is a fact that as per the news item published at page 1 of "Nai Duniya" dated 18th September, 1969, in the village named Kanpur in Surendrangar, land for yajna was ploughed with a plough made of gold: if so, what is the source from where the gold was brought for the making of the plough and in what quantity ?]

{THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P.C. SETHI) : A

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० सी० सेठी) : "नयी दुनिया" (इन्दौर से प्रकाशित होने वाले एक समाचार पत्र) ने अपने 18 सितम्बर 1969 के अंक में प्रकाशित समाचार में बताया कि कानपुर ग्राम में जमीन के एक प्लॉट में सोने के बने हल से हल चलाया गया था।

इस संबंध में की गई जांच पड़ताल से पता चला है कि गुजरात में सुरेन्द्रनगर जिले के कानपुर ग्राम में चण्डी यज्ञ के लिये बनाया गया हल सोने का नहीं बल्कि लोहे का था। news item which appeared in "Nai Duniya" (a newspaper published from Indore) ii> its issue dated the 18th September, 1969, stated that a plot of land was ploughed in village Kanpur with a plough made of gold.

Enquiries made in this regard have revealed that the plough for the Chandhi Yajna at village Kanpur in Surendranagar District of Gujarat, was not made of gold but of iron.]

भाखड़ा-नंगल प्रणाली

1679. श्री राम सहाय : क्या सिंचाई तथा विद्युत् मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भाखड़ा-नंगल की नहरों से किस-किस राज्य में कितने-कितने क्षेत्र की सिंचाई हो रही है ; और

(ख) इन राज्यों में से प्रत्येक में सिंचाई से कितना राजस्व वसूल हो रहा है ?

BHAKRA-NANGAL CANAL SYSTEM

1679. SHRI RAM SAHA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the area in each State which is being irrigated by the Bhakra-Nangal Canal System; and

(b) the amount of irrigation revenue which is being realised in each of these States?]

सिंचाई तथा विद्युत् मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (प्रोफेसर सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद) : (क) भाखड़ा-नंगल नहर प्रणाली द्वारा हरियाणा, पंजाब और राजस्थान में 1968-69 में सिंचित क्षेत्र क्रमशः 19,89,323 एकड़, 14,85,372 एकड़ और 6,10,000 एकड़ था।

(ख) हरियाणा, पंजाब और राजस्थान को 1968-69 में क्रमशः 1,04,03,174 रुपये, 43,94,324 रुपये और 42,97,000 रुपये के सिंचाई-राजस्व की प्राप्ति हुई।

{THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) The area irrigated by the Bhakra-Nangal Canal System in 1968-69 in Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan is 19,89,323 acres, 14,85,372 acres and 6,10,000 acres respectively.

(b) The amount of irrigation revenues realised in 1968-69 by Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan is Rs. 1,04,03,174, Rs. 43,94,324 and Rs. 42,97,000 respectively.]

SURVEY OF MINERAL RESERVES

1680. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the results of the survey recently conducted by the