

SHRI CHITTA BASU: May I know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that in the proceedings of the Secretary-level conference the sharing of the Ganga waters has been mentioned as a dispute and whether the Government of India has accepted this as a dispute?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: I had explained this in reply to the earlier question, Madam.

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY: I would like to know from the Minister—Air Marshal Noor Khan appears to have had discussions with the Prime Minister as well as with the Minister of External Affairs—whether in those talks it was impressed upon him the need to have early ministerial level talks with regard to the outstanding disputes between India and Pakistan including the sharing of the Ganga waters.

SHRI DINESH SINGH: No, Madam. We did not discuss the question of a ministerial-level meeting. The talks I had were of a general nature expressing the desirability and our intention to try to settle all differences bilaterally and peacefully.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: I would like to know in those discussions, apart from the exchange of data, whether any issues were framed because it is only after framing of the issues that arise out of the dispute that any meaningful discussions could be held. I would like to know whether any specific issues were framed.

SHRI DINESH SINGH: Again, Madam, the hon. Member is thinking in terms of dispute, framing of issues and judgment. I have said that there is no dispute. The talks are to see what would be requirements of Pakistan and whether it would be possible for us to meet them.

*211. [The questioner (Shri A. D. Mani) was absent. For answer, vide Cols.....infra.]

DEVELOPMENT OF MADHYA PRADESH

*212. **SHRI DEORAO KRISHNA-RAO JADHAV:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission Programme Adviser and his group have toured Madhya Pradesh to assess the development programmes in that State during the Fourth Five Year Plan and if so, what are their reactions?

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh have submitted any report to the Government of India for its development programmes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY): (a) No, Madam.

(b) The State Government have submitted their Draft Plan.

(c) The sectoral outlays as proposed by the State in its draft Plan were as follows:—

| | (Rs. crores) |
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| Agricultural Programmes | 129.44 |
| Cooperation & Community Development | 22.71 |
| Irrigation & Power | 215.50 |
| Industry & Mining | 24.35 |
| Transport & Communications | 38.25 |
| Social Services | 114.90 |
| Miscellaneous | 7.65 |
| | <hr/> 552.80 |

SHRI DEORAO KRISHNA-RAO JADHAV: Madhya Pradesh had originally demanded Rs. 552 crores but later on due to the cut in the size of the Plan we are given Rs. 356 crores but this amount seems to be very inadequate for the development of Madhya Pradesh. In view of this in the N.D.C. our Government urged that more finances should be given to Madhya Pradesh. May I know what is the reaction of the Central Government to this demand made in the N.D.C.?

SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY: It is a fact that Madhya Pradesh needs more resources but it is also a fact that their own resources are meagre. The total outlay of Madhya Pradesh is Rs. 356 crores out of which Rs. 262 crores is Central assistance. Unless they raise their own resources it is not possible to give them more because the resources with the Centre are not enough to give them more.

श्री निरंजन वर्मा: क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय को यह मालूम है कि भारतवर्ष भर में मध्य प्रदेश में तीन विशेष प्रकार की समस्याएँ हैं और क्या उन्होंने उसकी तरफ ध्यान दिया है? पहली समस्या तो यह है कि पूरे भारतवर्ष में वहाँ से ज्यादा कहीं और वैसी डाकू समस्या नहीं है जैसी कि भिंड और मुरैना की है और कम्युनिकेशंस के कारण ही यह समस्या उभर रही है, और दूसरी बात यह कि पूरे भारतवर्ष में पिछड़ी जातियाँ सब से अधिक मध्य प्रदेश में हैं और तीसरी बात यह कि कोई जिला भारतवर्ष में ऐसा नहीं है कि जहाँ रेल से खुशकी के रास्ते पहुँचने के लिये 185 मील चलना पड़ता हो। तो इन तीनों समस्याओं की ओर विशेष रूप से मंत्रालय ने कोई ध्यान दिया है या नहीं दिया है?

श्री अर्जुन अरोड़ा: ज्यादा पैसा देने में खतरा है कि डाकू ले जायेंगे।

श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी: इन सब विशेष सेक्टर्स में कितना एलोकेशन होना चाहिये यह तो राज्य सरकार वाले स्वयं निर्णय करते हैं और पिछली जो एक सभा हुई मुख्यमंत्रियों की उसमें यही निर्णय हुआ कि जो बैकवर्ड क्षेत्र हैं और ये जो विशेष समस्याएँ हैं उनके लिये वह लोग स्वयं निर्णय करेंगे।

अब ये जो समस्याएँ आपने बताईं ये जरूर बहुत महत्वपूर्ण हैं लेकिन इस पर तो राज्य सरकार को विचार करना चाहिये।

श्री निरंजन वर्मा: आप भी तो करें।

श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी: प्लानिंग कमिशन ने जो नक्शा बनाया है उसमें कोई बहुत तब्दीली नहीं हो सकती है लेकिन हमने यह जरूर कहा है कि अगर हम किसी भी तरह से और साधन जमा कर सकते हैं तो हम देखेंगे कि किस तरह से, किस जगह या किस सेक्शन को दें।

श्री दयाल दास कुर्रे: उपसभापति महोदय, माननीय मंत्री महोदय के उत्तर से मुझे कुछ आश्चर्य हुआ क्योंकि अगर प्लानिंग कमिशन इस पर बिना कुछ निगाह किये कि मध्य प्रदेश की स्थिति क्या है, बिना जांच पड़ताल किये, बिना किसी के वहाँ गये, मध्य प्रदेश को रकम देने के बारे में योजना तैयार करता है, और विशेष समस्या जो वहाँ पर आदिवासियों की है...

उपसभापति: सवाल क्या है?

श्री दयाल दास कुर्रे: मैं उसी पर आ रहा हूँ।

श्री महावीर प्रसाद भार्गव: भूमिका है अभी यह।

श्री दयाल दास कुर्रे: देश के आदिवासियों का एक बड़ा पांच भाग मध्य प्रदेश में रहता है, तो उनकी सारी समस्याओं को और उनकी आर्थिक स्थिति को—उनकी रोजी की समस्या है, उनके लिये इन्डस्ट्री है, एजुकेशन है—इन सारी बातों को मद्देनजर रखते हुए प्लानिंग कमिशन ने इस पर क्या निगाह डाली है?

SHRIMATI NANDINI SAT-PATHY: Madam, as has already been said by the Prime Minister, all these things are taken into consideration while formulating the plan by Planning Commission and according to the resources available it has been decided to give this amount to Madhya Pradesh. It is for the State to take up certain things and to raise their own resources.

श्रीमती विद्यावती चतुर्वेदी : क्या मंत्री महोदया यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि योजना कमिशन की यह रिपोर्ट है कि जो पिछड़े हुए इलाके हैं उनके लिये विशेष सुविधा दी जाये, लेकिन इस बात को मद्देनजर रखते हुए कि मध्य प्रदेश बहुत पिछड़ा है और उसके कई क्षेत्र देश के और हिस्सों से अधिक पिछड़े हुए हैं और ऐसा होते हुए भी आज तक किसी भी पंचवर्षीय योजना में उनके लिये प्राथमिकता नहीं दी गई, क्या मध्य प्रदेश की तरफ विशेष ध्यान दिया जायेगा?

श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी : दुर्भाग्य से हमारे सारे देश में हर एक राज्य में पिछड़े हुए इलाके हैं और पिछड़ी हुई जातियां हैं। इसको मद्देनजर रखकर जो अभी सारी पंचवर्षीय योजना बनी है उसमें हमने इस पर विशेष ध्यान दिया है कि किस तरह से हमारी नींव मजबूत हो जिससे हम इन लोगों की सहायता कर सकें।

SHRI DEORAO KRISHNARAO JADHAV: It is very difficult to understand the problems of Madhya Pradesh. Since the reorganisation of the State, four areas were joined together without taking into consideration the cultural and economic conditions of the areas. Except for Madhya Bharat, the other areas, viz., Vindhya Pradesh, Bhopal and Mahakoshal, were all backward areas and these have been put together.

Since 1957 no intensive programme has been taken up nor any efforts have been made for the uplift of this area. Now, we are asked to depend on our own resources for the development of those areas. How would it be possible? How can we increase our resources without special funds being allotted to us?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: This is a question which is faced by all the States. As the Deputy Minister has pointed out, Central assistance is to the tune of Rs. 262 crores. So, they are getting substantial Central assistance. Although I agree that Madhya Pradesh has certain very special problems—other States have also special problems though perhaps of a slightly different nature—Madhya Pradesh is not worse off as far as allocations in the Plan are concerned.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Next question.

CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF INDIANS LIVING IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES

*213. SHRI RIZAQ RAM:

SHRI KRISHAN KANT:†

SHRI ARJUN ARORA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India propose to call a Conference of representatives of Indians living in many countries of Africa to understand their problems; and

(b) if so, when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

† The Question was actually asked on the floor of House by Shri Krishna Kant.