

allowed freedom to manufacturers, to private sector organisations and Government organisations to enter into distribution agencies.

SHRI N. PATRA: The hon'ble Minister has said that due to drought this fertiliser could not be used. Therefore, arising out of this reply the first priority is to augment the irrigation water resources. May I know what steps have been taken to augment the supply of irrigation water?

SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE: This supplementary has nothing to do with this question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It does not arise out of this question.

श्री बयाल दास कुरे : सभापति महोदय, जहां तक अमोनियम सल्फेट के उपयोग का प्रश्न है, पैडी क्रॉप में उसका उपयोग होता है और आज यह भावना किसानों में है कि अमोनियम सल्फेट की अपेक्षा यूरिया ज्यादा उपयोगी है और इसीलिये पैडी की खेती करने वाले किसानों ने बनिस्बत अमोनियम सल्फेट के यूरिया का उपयोग करना ज्यादा अच्छा समझा है, किसानों की इस भावना को मद्देनजर रखते हुए क्या अमोनियम सल्फेट के स्थान पर यूरिया की वृद्धि पर ज्यादा ध्यान फर्टि-साइजर कारपोरेशन आफ इंडिया की तरफ से दिया जायेगा ?

SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE: I am sorry about the understanding of the problem by the hon'ble Member. Ammonium sulphate is nitrogenous fertiliser. Urea is also a nitrogenous fertiliser. The actual percentage in ammonium sulphate will be 20 of nitrogen while in urea it is 46; it is naturally more effective. But what is required in this country is a balance of all fertilisers, N.P.K. phosphate, potash and nitrogen. Their combined use is more desirable.

THIRD UNIT OF INDIAN TELEPHONE INDUSTRY

*720. **SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION

AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 630 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th November, 1968 and state:

(a) whether any proposals are under Government's consideration for the location of the Third Unit of the Indian Telephone Industries; and

(b) whether the three units would be able to meet all the requirements of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) and (b) The proposals under consideration of Government are for the setting up of a new factory for the manufacture of long distance transmission equipment and a small ancillary unit for the manufacture of cords and fuses. With the setting up of these new units, it will not be possible to meet all the requirements of telecommunication equipment of the country. The question of setting up any more factories for the manufacture of telecommunication equipment is linked with the financial provision to be made available in the Fourth Five Year Plan.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know from the Minister what is the progress of the second unit and when is it likely to go into production and whether any site has been selected for the third unit?

SHRI SHER SINGH: Sir, about the location of the site for the second unit it is in its final stages. A decision will be taken very soon about its location.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, whether the claims of U.P., especially Aligarh, are being considered?

SHRI SHER SINGH: The claims of U.P. are being considered. I do not know about Aligarh.

SHRI M. V. BHADRAM: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that a site selection committee has been constituted to visit the various places? If it is a fact, how many places has the Committee selected and how many places have they visited? Also, I would like to know whether in this respect the Andhra Pradesh Government has made any request to the Government to set up a second unit of the Bangalore unit in Hyderabad?

SHRI SHER SINGH: The Committee has inspected all the sites.

SHRI M. V. BHADRAM: What are the sites?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: What are the names of the sites? That is more important.

SHRI SHER SINGH: The Maharashtra Government and the Uttar Pradesh Government had offered some sites. The sites have been inspected already and a decision will be taken very shortly.

SHRI M. V. BHADRAM: What are sites that the Committee has visited?

SHRI SHER SINGH: I have already stated that the Maharashtra and the U.P. Governments have offered certain sites. I require notice about places.

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY: May I know from the hon'ble Minister whether the Indian Telephone Industries in Bangalore are making any profits and whether it is earning any foreign exchange? And in view of the fact that less than Rs. 50 crores were invested in the public sector undertakings in Mysore during the last three Five Year Plans, and in order to set right the regional imbalance will the Government consider the question of expanding the existing factory in Bangalore and, if not, why not?

SHRI SHER SINGH: The I.T.I. is making profit and it is also saving foreign exchange.

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY: Sir, he has not answered my question.

SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA: May I inform the hon'ble Member that the I.T.I. is not only making profits, it has received two silver medals from the President that it is one of the best public undertakings. So far as the expansion of the I.T.I. is concerned, it has already 13,500 employees. We discussed the matter with them. I think it will be unmanageable if we expand it more.

SHRI ANANT PRASAD SHARMA: May I know, Sir, the considerations in selecting these sites, whether it depends on a particular State Government offering a site or whether the site Selection Committee takes the various factors into consideration including the labour condition, the labour wages and also the condition of the place? Do they take all these things into account while deciding a site or whether it is only because a particular State Government has offered for the selection of the site that they decide about the location of the industry?

SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA: They take all the factors into consideration.

SHRI ANANT PRASAD SHARMA: May I know, Sir, whether the Bihar Government has also made such an offer?

SHRI SHER SINGH: No, Sir

श्री राजनारायण : शर्मा जी ने वायदा किया था कि वह सदन में हिन्दी में बोलेंगे और फिर बिहार के होते हुए अंग्रेजी में बोल रहे हैं । अपने वचन को जो उन्होंने सदन में दिया वह तोड़ रहे हैं । वह सदन में अपने वचन का पालन करना सीखें ।

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: May I know, Sir, how much is the degree of self-sufficiency attained in our country in respect of the quality of telephone equipment we are manufacturing. The new unit that is being

proposed, will it produce the equipment which is already being produced and will be able to remove our dependence on foreign resources? For example, four automatic telephone exchange equipments, may I know, Sir, how far we are making progress in it and when do we hope to attain self-sufficiency?

SHRI SHER SINGH: We are making progress and we are manufacturing almost all the things required for installing telephones, even the cross-bar exchanges. All these are done here in our country. So we have made a lot of progress. In the second unit we want to produce things required by us in long distance transmission equipment. For, example telephone instruments, fuses, cords, everything is being manufactured here.

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: May I know, Sir, whether we are making crossbar exchanges in our country because all that I know is that the ~~one~~ equipment installed in Delhi recently was imported from outside?

SHRI SHER SINGH: We are importing some small parts only; otherwise we are manufacturing almost all the things in our own country.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: May I know from the Government whether it is not a fact . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have not called you. Mr. Appan.

SHRI G. A. APPAN: May I know, Sir, from the Government whether in view of the industrial imbalances of our State the Government of India will give us the first preference to instal the next telephone industry in the Madras State? Secondly, may I also know what are the arrears of installation of telephones in every State, area-wise, that is now pending?

PROF. SHER SINGH: There is no Madras State at present. It is known as Tamil Nadu.

SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA: Sir, I would like to inform the Mem-

ber that the following places were inspected: Lucknow, Hyderabad, Bombay, Kanpur, Allahabad, Bareilly, Dehra Dun, Hardwar and Nasik . . .

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: Kanpur is the best site.

SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA: About Madras, the hon. Member must know that we have already a teleprinter factory there.

श्री जी० एच० वलीमोहम्मद मोमिन :

क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस तरह का कारखाना डालने की बात काश्मीर के बारे में भी थी ? अगर थी तो वह कहाँ तक पहुँची है और अब तक उसके बारे में क्या तरक्की हुई है ?

श्री सत्यनारायण सिंह : जहाँ तक काश्मीर में एनसिलियरी फैक्टरी खोलने का सवाल है, तो वहाँ पर कोर्ड्स और फ्यूज की एनसिलियरी फैक्टरी लगाई जायगी ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those who do not get up often will have to be given preference. Those who always stand up will not be given preference. Mr. Syed Hussain.

شری سید حسین : منسٹر صاحب

یہ میں جاننا چاہتا ہوں کہ کشمیر جو انڈسٹریلی بہت بھوک ورتا ہے وہاں پر کوئی بھی انڈسٹری نہیں ہے وہاں پر کوئی ایلسٹری انڈسٹریز قائم کرنے کا ارادہ ہے - جب پرائم منسٹر وہاں گئے تھے تو انہوں نے آن دی اسپت اعلان کیا تھا کہ وہاں پر لوگ بھوک پرے دھتے ہیں خاص کر جازوں میں تو انہوں نے وہاں تیلیفون اور انڈسٹری کھولنے کی بات کہی تھی تو میں منسٹر صاحب سے یہ جاننا چاہتا ہوں کہ اس بارے میں انہوں نے کیا فیصلہ کیا ہے ؟

†[श्री सयब हुसैन : मिनिस्टर साहेब से यह मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि काश्मीर जो इन्डस्ट्रियली बहुत बैकवार्ड है, जहाँ पर कोई भी इन्डस्ट्री नहीं है, वहाँ पर कोई एनसिलियरी इन्डस्ट्री कायम करने का इरादा है ? जब प्राइम मिनिस्टर वहाँ गये थे, तो उन्होंने आन-दी-स्पॉट एलान किया था कि वहाँ पर लोग बेकार पड़े रहते हैं खास कर जाड़ों में, तो उन्होंने वहाँ टेलीफोन और वाच इन्डस्ट्री खोलने की बात कहीं थी, तो मैं मिनिस्टर साहेब से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस बारे उन्होंने क्या फैसला किया है ?]

What steps have Government taken in this regard?

PROF. SHER SINGH: Sir, an Officer on Special Duty has already gone there and he is looking into the preliminary work that is necessary to be done for installing that ancillary unit there.

SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN: May I know from the hon. Minister whether all preliminary work in regard to locating the site for this third unit at Nasik was finalised and the Maharashtra Government was also informed that this particular unit will be located in Maharashtra? If so, what are the reasons for shifting this particular unit from Maharashtra? If the reason was to locate it in a backward region, why wasn't any site in Marathwada considered?

PROF. SHER SINGH: Sir, I have no information about what the hon. Member says—that a letter was sent by the Government to the Maharashtra Government that we are locating it in Maharashtra. I think no decision has so far been taken and it is being taken.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

†[] Hindi translation.

MECHANISATION IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

*721. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) the progress made so far in regard to the mechanisation in the agricultural sector in the country particularly in respect of the introduction of tractors, tillers and other mechanical equipments like seed drillers, etc.; and

(b) the amount provided in the Fourth Five Year Plan for this purpose with a view to granting loans to farmers for the purchase of such equipments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) and (b) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Sabha. See Appendix LXVII Annexure No. 128.]

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that in a recent study made by the Punjab University, it was found that mechanisation is very helpful to farming and, if so, whether it is also not true that the Planning Commission had delayed sanctioning of mechanisation schemes in agriculture? The agricultural revolution is going fast, but mechanisation is not keeping pace with the progress made by agriculture. In this connection, may I know whether, apart from the information given in the statement, there is any scheme to encourage mechanisation at a faster pace, and whether the required money has been provided in the plan?

SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE: Sir, Government is aware of the fact that the introduction of mechanisation under certain circumstances had helped to reduce cost. Now the Planning Commission as well as the Government of India including all Ministries