

RAJYA SABHA

Friday, the 10th May, 1968/the 20th
Vaisakha, 1890 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the
clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SURATGARH FARM

*267. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the
Minister of FOOD AND AGRICUL-
TURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been com-
plaints of insufficient water supply in
the Central Mechanised Farm at
Suratgarh, Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what is the reason for
the insufficient water supply there;
and

(c) to what extent the insufficient
water supply has affected production
at the farm?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRI-
CULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOP-
MENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI
ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) to (c).
For intensive cultivation during Rabi,
the requirements of water for the
Suratgarh Farm have been assessed
to be 185 cusecs. Against this, the
existing authorised water allowance
of the farm is 66 cusecs from the
Bhakra Canal System and 15 cusecs
from the Gang Canal System. Even
the authorised allowance is often not
available on account of closures neces-
sitated by rotation of supplies. Nego-
tiations are going on with the Rajas-
than Government for increasing the
water allowance.

The Farm cannot reach its full
potential until the irrigation supplies
are adequate.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Sir, I may ask
the Minister what difficulty is there
in the way of intensity of the flow of
water of the Canal being increased
because this Central Mechanised farm
covers about 30,000 acres and is one
of the prized farms of the country?

If it is not going to get water from the
Canal, production will suffer. I
would like the Minister to let us
know whether production has suffer-
ed on account of inadequate flow of
water supply?

SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE: Sir,
as I have already submitted, there has
been obviously inadequate supply of
water available for meeting the re-
quirements of the Suratgarh Farm.
The total area as is well known, is
30,000 acres. Out of this, during the
kharif season we get irrigation for
only 10,000 acres and during rabi sea-
son we get irrigation for only 7,000
acres, and that too is not very assured
because the canal system has not
been properly developed. Moreover
the supplies are regulated. There are
intermittent closures. That is why all
along during the last season the Surat-
garh Farm had been suffering for
lack of water facilities in time. It is
very difficult to assess the extent of
loss in production as a result of non-
availability of water in time. But I
think it must be a considerable figure.

SHRI A. D. MANI: My second
question, Sir. May I ask the Minister
whether tube-well irrigation has been
explored in this Farm. Because
water supply is not available from
the Canals, at least water can be dug
through the tube-wells. I would ask
the Minister what are the financial
results of the working of this Farm at
the present time.

SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE: Sir,
at the outset I would like to reply to
the second part of the hon'ble Mem-
ber's question. There has been an
impression for some time that this
Suratgarh Farm has been incurring
heavy losses. May I submit for the
information of the hon'ble House that
the Suratgarh Farm has really turned
the corner and has started earning
quite sizeable profits? Last year it
earned a profit of Rs. 18 lakhs. This
year I expect the figure would be still
higher though this farm is still work-
ing under certain handicaps.

As for the other question, I do not think it would be worthwhile to invest in tube-wells because when the Rajasthan Canal system is developed water will be available in adequate quantity. (*Interruption by Shri Jagjwan Ram*). And as has been suggested, the underground resources of water are blackish. Therefore, it would not be worthwhile to explore this possibility. Therefore, in times to come sufficient water would be available and this Farm will make a good sale and will be to the good of the country.

SHRI RAMNIWAS MIRDHA: Sir, it is very gratifying to learn that this Suratgarh Farm, which is a great national enterprise, has turned the corner. But there seems to be quite a good deficiency of water. The present supply is considerably less. The requirements of water for this Farm have been assessed to be 185 cusecs. May I know, Sir, whether the Government will try water conservancy methods like spray irrigation and other new techniques so that the experiments here could be of use at other places in the country? This spray irrigation method is being tried in the neighbouring State of Punjab where the Government is introducing these irrigation methods. I have given notice in this respect so that the information elicited could benefit other States also.

SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE: As far as the spraying system is concerned, I think I have replied earlier to this question that it is a very expensive system. On the basis of experiment in Israel the per acre expenditure for spraying comes to Rs. 7,000 to Rs. 8,000. And, as I said, there is possibility of surplus flow of water being available for this Farm. In view of this I do not think we should go in for this expensive system. These methods have been found to be expensive.

श्री गोड़े मुराहरि : मैं सरकार से यह जानना चाहूँगा कि सूरतगढ़ फार्म के लिये

यह बनाया गया है कि वहाँ पर अब नफा होने लगा है तो क्या सरकार और भी ऐसे फार्म बनाने की कोई योजना बना रही है। साथ साथ मैं यह भी जानना चाहूँगा कि जो आवडी कॉप्रेन मे कोआपरेटिव फार्मिंग का इतना बड़ा प्रस्ताव कॉप्रेन ने पास किया था उसके अनुसार अब तक कितने कोआपरेटिव फार्म्स हिन्दुस्तान मे बने है और उस प्रस्ताव का क्या हो गया।

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: It does not arise out of this question.

श्री गोड़े मुराहरि : फार्मिंग पर सब आता है।

श्री अर्जुन अरोड़ा : फार्मिंग पर सब नहीं आता है।

श्री राजनारायण : आप चेयरमैन मत बनिये, अर्जुन अरोड़ा सब।

श्री अर्जुन अरोड़ा : मैं चेयरमैन नहीं बनाता हूँ।

SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE: One part of the hon. Member's question is completely beyond the purview of this question; he has gone far beyond. But as far as...

SHRI RAJNARAIN: On a point of order...

SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE: Sir, I am still replying. I have not yet completed. Let me complete the reply and then he can raise the point of order.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: He cannot raise a point of order now.

श्री राजनारायण : A point of order can be raised at any time. श्रीमन्, मेरा पाइन्ट आफ आर्डर यह है कि यह सत्ता केवल आप मे सन्निहित है कि आप यह कहे कि कौन सा क्वेश्चन पूछा जाय या कौन सप्लीमेन्ट्री पूछा जाय या कौन न पूछा जाय। केवल आपको ही यह अधिकार

है कि आप यह कहे कि यह क्वेश्चन इससे उठता है या नहीं और अगर सब मन्बर सदन में यह कहने लग कि "it docs not arise" तो यह पार्लियामेंटों प्रैक्टिस के अनुसार नहीं होगा। यह जानते हुए भी हमारे मित्र अरोड़ा साहब जब रांडा अटकाते हैं तो दुख होता है।

SHRI A. D. MANI: On a point of order, Sir. It is open to any hon. Member to point out the irrelevancy of a point of order.

SHRI RAJNARAIN: Rubbish.

SHRI G. MURAHARI: If a Member wants to question the relevancy he should stand up on a point of order. But they cannot shout in a body. Sir, he has not replied to my question.

SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE: Sir, the second point of the hon. Member's question is not relevant. As I have already submitted in reply to the first point, may I say for his information that we are now having one seed farm in each State so that the requirements of the various States would be met. So, seed farms are being organised in various States now.

DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR: The Minister just now said that the water supply to the Suratgarh Farm would be coming from the Rajasthan Canal. I would like to know, Sir, how long will it take for the water from the Rajasthan Canal to come to the Suratgarh Farm. It is an important national enterprise and international also because Russia is giving aid for it. It is a serious matter. I would like to know from the Minister whether the water supply to be made to the Suratgarh Farm from the Rajasthan Canal would be adequate.

SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE: May I say Sir, that as far as the Russian Government is concerned, it was good enough to help us by way of donation of machinery? As far as the running

expenditure is concerned we are incurring the expenditure and nobody else is helping in it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: This question has taken ten minutes. A number of people have put questions. I think there must be some end somewhere. You must leave it to me and people must be satisfied if I use my discretion in giving as much time to a questions as I think fit. (Shri Arjun Arora stood up in his seat.) Mr. Arora, you should not rise because you are a senior Member of this House who is persistently given the opportunity to put questions. I always give accommodation to you.

DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR: Sir, my question has not been replied.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am sorry. You have to reply the earlier question.

SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE: I was waiting for your permission, Sir. The water supplies were expected in 1964-65 but as the completion of the canal system was delayed due to some other reasons, I think according to present indications the water would be available by 1970-71.

श्री जे० पं० यादव : यह जानकर प्रसन्नता हुई कि सहकारिता फार्म में जब सभी जगह घाटा ही घाटा है तो सूरतगढ़ फार्म में कुछ आमदनी हुई है। इसलिए मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि कैटेगोरिकली कि इस फार्म में अभी तक कितने रुपए इनवेस्ट किए गए हैं और इस फार्म से अभी तक कितने रुपये की आय हुई है ? साथ ही साथ आय वर्णन उसके एकरेज के हिसाब से दिया जाय, एक एकड़ पर कितनी आय हुई। सरकार ने अभी बताया कि सभी राज्यों में बीज के लिए एक-एक फार्म बनाया गया है। इन पर कितना खर्च है और उन में कौन ऐसे हैं जिन में कुछ आय हुई है ?

SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE: Sir, regarding all these details, I would require notice.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.