

(b) If so, whether the Samiti have asked for some financial help from the Centre for (the same); and

(c) the decision taken in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : (a) Yes, Sir, The Scheme for starting a medical college at Seva Gram is still under consideration .

(b) and (c) The request of the Kasturba Seva Samiti for a grant of Rs. 4 lakhs for expending their Hospital, etc. is also under consideration.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN : There is one of the best colleges in India at Nagpur which is 40 miles from Seva Gram. May I know what are the reasons for having this college at Seva Gram ? Is it going to be a rural-oriented one ?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR : Yes, Sir, that is exactly so. It was decided by the Executive Committee of the Gandhi Centenary Committee, that one of the Centenary programmes might be to start a medical college at Seva Gram in the rural areas based on the Kasturba hospital which is the only hospital in India started by Mahatma Gandhi in his lifetime. Our late Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri, had expressed the wish that at least one medical college in every State be started in the rural areas and we thought that it will be a good idea to make a beginning at Seva Gram.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN : May I know if it is going to be in memory of Kasturba and if it is going to be in keeping with the principles of Kasturba or the principles and ideas of Gandhiji about health and medicine and if they are going to be reflected in the training given at this college ?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR : Yes, Sir, the attempt of the Kasturba Health Society will be to do so. I am not answering on behalf of the Government but because I am associated with the Kasturba Health Society also. They have informed the Government that it will be a college where preference will be given to the children of those living in rural areas or serving in rural

areas. Secondly the principles of Mahatma Gandhi with regard to the mode of simple living, emphasis on the physical labour, no distinction based on caste, colour, creed, etc., etc., will also be borne in mind and reflected in the life there. And thirdly, the students will all be expected to give a bond to serve in the rural areas for a certain number of years.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN : From the reply which is given, it appears that training in naturopathy which was so much liked by Gandhiji is not likely to be given there. Another thing which I want to know is whether the Seva Gram Ashram trustees and the members of the Seva Seva Sangh who are in charge of the Ashram were consulted or Vinobaji was consulted. May I also know if it is not a fact that on account of some difference of opinion with these people, this medical college is going to be set up out of the limits of Seva Gram ?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR : No, Sir, this information on the part of the hon. Member is completely incorrect. The decision was taken with the full concurrence and blessings of Vinobaji and other Ashram leaders at Seva Gram. It is not going to be outside the Ashram limits, it is going to be based exactly on the hospital and the land adjoining is being acquired for the purpose. So far as naturopathy is concerned, naturopathy is a part of physical medicine and certainly, it will form a part of the regular set-up of the hospital.

PI W OUTJ v. FOB 1966-67

♦300, SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the plan outlay for 1966-67;

(b) what is the break-up of this outlay for the State and Central sectors; and

(c) what is the expected shortfall in resources ?

MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI ASOK MISHRA) : (a) The Plan outlay for 1966-67 proposed by the Planning Commission is of the order of Rs. 20X1 crores

(b) The outlays proposed for the Centre, States and Union Territories is Rs. 1094-71 crores, Rs. 930-16 crores and Rs. 56-41 crores, respectively.

(c) The Central Budget for 1966-67 shows an overall deficit of about Rs. 25 crores. As for States, no shortfall between resources and plan outlay is anticipated if the State Governments mobilise resources to the full extent indicated by them in discussions with the Planning Commission.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : The hon. Minister has just mentioned the expected shortfalls. May I ask him : Because of these shortfalls which sector, particularly in the Central sphere, are most likely to be affected by the cut in the Plan ?

SHRI ASOKA MEHTA : In drawing up the Plan for the next year, we have tried to keep before us the priorities that have been assigned in our programmes. Therefore, the highest priority has been given to agriculture. So, even though the overall size of the next year's Plan will be smaller than the current year's Plan, the outlay on agriculture will be much larger, all other sectors will have smaller outlays next year than during the current year.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : Has the hon. Minister's attention been drawn to a Press interview given by the Economic Secretary, yesterday wherein he said that there could be no further cut in the Plan expenditure because a stage had been reached where any such cut became counter-productive. May I ask him if this cut will not be counter-productive this year ?

SHRI ASOKA MEHTA : We have got to balance our outlays with the resources that we can mobilise, because for various reasons the resources available are somewhat smaller than what we had originally anticipated. We have to contain the Plan within those resources.

SHRI C. D. PANDE : In the previous five years, that means the Third Plan, Government had assumed the resources to be drawn from the public undertakings to be to the extent of Rs. 380 crores and I understand that there has been a great shortfall. May I

know what is the position in this year of the new plan, whether there will be any commensurate return from the public sector undertakings concerned ?

SHRI ASOKA MEHTA : As far as the income from the public sector for the next year is concerned, the figures are available in the Budget and I have nothing to add.

SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP SINHA : The hon. Minister has stated the outlay figures for the current year of the Plan. As far as I know the commitment was of a Rs. 21,000 crore plan for five years. Now, during the first year of the Plan, it is going to be Rs. 2,081 crores. How does he expect to step up the investment in the coming four years ? Or is the Planning Commission's thinking is that the Rs. 21,000 crore Plan will have to be cut short ?

SHRI ASOKA MEHTA : It has been made clear very often that the next year's Plan is an emergency Plan and when the full outlay is drawn up for the remaining four years of the Plan, we shall be able to indicate the rate or pace at which the outlays for the future four years of the Plan will be brought about.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER

*298. THAKUR BHANU PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether targets fixed for the Third Five Year Plan in respect of drinking water supply to rural population have been achieved; and

(b) if so, to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.