

in ten years. I do not find his name in the statement. Has there been any enquiry, and for how much has he been assessed?

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Shanti Prasad Jain's name also is not here.

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: I have not seen any statement made by any person that he has made Rs. ten crores. As a matter of fact I take that information from the hon. Member. If he can substantiate this, I shall have enquiries made.

*506. [The questioner (Shri Dahyabhai V. Patel) was absent. For answer, vide col. 3650 infra.]

OUTLAY UNDER FOURTH PLAN

*507. { SHRI SANKAR PRATAP
SINGH DEV:†
SHRI S. C. DEB:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he made a statement to the effect that the outlay under the Fourth Five Year Plan must not exceed Rs. 18,000 crores; and

(b) whether this statement was made in consultation with the Planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) No. But in a talk with a representative of The 'Statesman' I said our thinking at that time in the matter of resources for investment was in the region of Rs. 18,000 crores.

(b) No.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: In view of the fact that our rate of growth is slow, in order to maintain even the

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Sankar Pratap Singh Dev.

existing level of living under the Fourth Plan taking into account the population increase of nearly 2.4 per cent annually, how does the hon. Minister expect that by an investment of Rs. 18,000 crores we can ensure the rate of growth to the extent of 6 per cent. or so annually? Has this calculation been related to the requirements of economic growth?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: As far as resources are concerned, they are there, and maybe an estimate might differ from person to person and from body to body, and it is only on the basis of the resources available and those that are in sight that anybody can frame a plan. While I am not, as I said, tied down to any particular figure because this question of figure is being constantly reviewed, the Resources Group is making another exercise on this matter. What it will reveal I do not know. But the other question that he has mentioned is true, but every development will be contingent on the resources available.

SHRI SANTOKH SINGH: What is the expected outlay on the Fourth Plan without reducing the investment on the heavy industries targeted for in the Fourth Plan?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: All these matters are now being gone into by the Planning Commission, and I do not mind admitting that I have spent an hour and three-quarter with it this morning. It is doing the same kind of exercise, and we are nowhere in sight of the end of our labours.

SHRI C. D. PANDE: May I know what will be the percentage or the real amount of foreign exchange involved and to what extent that foreign exchange has been assured by our possible creditors?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: There is no assurance yet from anybody, but if it is Rs. 18,000 crores, you may probably take it at the present rate of foreign exchange that is avail-

able plus something for repayment. As I said, this is still a matter of exercise. I cannot give any definite figures.

SHRI BABUBHAI M CHINAI: Apart from the availability of resources, has the hon Finance Minister applied his mind to the implementation part of it as to whether we have sufficient machinery even if we are going to invest Rs 18,000 crores or Rs 22,000 crores or as a matter of fact Rs 24,000 crores which has appeared in the papers?

SHRI T T KRISHNAMACHARI: In all humility I would like to submit that out of the 44 years of my 64 years in this world I have never been a defeatist. If I feel that we can get Rs 18,000 crores or Rs 20,000 crores of resources, I have no doubt in my mind that we can usefully put it in the Plan and get the results. I refuse to accept that we suffer under any limitations either in the matter of hard work or in the matter of ingenuity.

SHRI B K P SINHA: May I know if Government even now adhere to the concept of physical or raw planning, planning according to needs of Prof Mahalanobis or is the present emphasis on planning according to the resources and not according to needs as adhered to before?

SHRI T T KRISHNAMACHARI: I am afraid the hon Member is incidentally having a throw-back in regard to some discussions that we had at the stage of the Second Plan. Prof Mahalanobis is exactly in the same mood of thinking as any of us in regard to estimating our resources and also estimating the type of Plan that we may need for the amount that we have in mind.

SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: May I know from the hon Finance Minister by what time the Draft of the Fourth Plan will be presented to Parliament? What will be the subjects on which special emphasis will be laid?

SHRI T T KRISHNAMACHARI: I could not get the import of his question and if he could repeat it, it would be a good thing.

SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: By what time does the Finance Minister think it would be possible to present the Draft of the Fourth Plan to Parliament and on what subject will special emphasis be laid in the Fourth Plan?

SHRI T T KRISHNAMACHARI: Again, Sir, the schedule of date in regard to the formulation of the Plan has not been set. I think the Planning Commission will be able to tell us. Perhaps, in the Budget Session the Planning Commission might be able to give us some idea of the claims of the Fourth Plan on which we can invite criticisms and suggestions from hon Members of Parliament.

SHRI I K GUJRAL: Is the hon Minister in a position to confirm if it has been finalised that the rate of growth in the sphere of agriculture will be 5 per cent compound?

SHRI T T KRISHNAMACHARI: I said there is no finality yet. Our thinking is of that nature. We feel that we are going to achieve a rate of growth of somewhere about 6.5 to 7 per cent which, to our mind, at the present moment seems to be imperative. We should have a greater growth in agriculture, not less than 5 per cent. As I said, ultimately the marrying of various ideas is the job of the Planning Commission. When they do that, we will have the precise figures.

SHRI A D MANI: In the talks that the Finance Minister might have had with the State Chief Ministers or the State Finance Ministers, has he come across any promising evidence that the States have the capacity for raising internal resources for a modest target of Rs 18,000 crores?

SHRI T T KRISHNAMACHARI: Well, Sir, the extent of the burden

on the States will not be anything like Rs. 13,000 crores but it will be a very small part of it. Unless the States are going to put their shoulders to the task, I am afraid it will be a single bullock-cart, not a double bullock-cart.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know if, before determining the outlay of the Fourth Plan and making allocations for development in the private sector, the Government will undertake a survey of the resources available with the private sector or, will the Government fix the allocations for the private sector arbitrarily and then ask the public exchequer to finance the private sector?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: Sir, I think part of it is a suggestion for action. So far as the private sector is concerned, Government's position is largely of coaxing them into undertaking a certain amount of expansion. But if Government feels the necessity to take the power for the purpose of getting them to carry it out, it has to think about it. At the present moment we are making certain estimates. These estimates are based on certain surveys available. If need be, further surveys will be undertaken.

श्री देवी सिंह : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि चतुर्थ प्लान के प्रारंभ होने के पहले दूसरे और तीसरे प्लान के सब कार्य समाप्त हो जायेंगे या उनमें से कुछ बाकी रह जायेंगे?

श्री बी० आर० भगत : दूसरे के तो समाप्त हो गये हैं। तीसरे के भी बहुत सारे समाप्त हो जायेंगे। थोड़ा बहुत कार्य फोर्थ प्लान के आरंभ तक रह जायेंगे।

*508. [The questioner (Shri R. K. Bhuwalka) was absent. For answer, vide col. 3651 infra.]

HINDI WORK IN THE FINANCE MINISTRY

*509. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any work of his Ministry is being done in Hindi;

(b) if so, whether there is a separate Hindi section for this purpose; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what is the present strength of the Hindi section?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The permanent strength of the Section is one Hindi Officer, seven Translators and seven Assistants besides four other clerical staff. This is suitably augmented during the Budget season. There is also a Hindi Cell in the Department of Revenue and Company Law consisting of two Assistants and a Typist.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know what is the monthly number of Hindi letters being handled by the Ministry at present?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: Sir, I do not have the exact figure of Hindi letters but it is growing.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether copies of all circulars issued in English are sent out in Hindi also?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: Certain circulars, important orders and circulars relating to the conditions of service of Government employees including matters relating to Class IV staff, they are done in Hindi.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know from the hon. Minister if he has statistics about the number of Hindi-knowing officers in the Finance Ministry?