

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Keeping in view the difficulties of these farmers and the failure on the part of the Irrigation Department to supply water regularly, will not the hon. Minister think it wiser to make some sort of a permanent arrangement?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Arrangements are being made, but that will not be by the construction of a new canal, but by increasing the capacity of the canal, by remodelling the existing canal and by trying to make permanent or perennial water supply from Bhakra.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, how long it is going to take, because for the last five years as this honourable House is aware, I have been putting this question from time to time and nothing has been done? So, I would like to get an assurance from the hon. Minister as to how long it will take to provide the Delhi farmers with regular water supplies.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: The remodelling of the existing canal and increasing its capacity is being included in the Third Plan.

श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी को मालूम है कि लड़ाई से पहले जो, कैनाल पंजाब से दिल्ली पानी लाती थी, उसकी चौड़ाई और गहराई ज्यादा थी, जो अब कम कर दी गई है और इससे जो पानी बचा है वह पंजाब वालों को दे दिया गया है और इस तरह इधर पानी की कमी पड़ गई है ? क्या इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार जांच कराने की कोशिश करेगी ताकि ज्यादा पानी इधर डाइवर्ट किया जा सके ?

श्री ज० ला० हाथी : वह तो पता नहीं है । यह बात सही है कि पानी कम आता है । इसलिये जो अभी कैनाल है उनको इंक्रीज किया जाता है और उनकी रिमाडेलिंग की जाती है ।

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Would the hon. Minister kindly tell the House what exact achievement has been made in the course of the last five years? He should give us some idea of the physical progress that has been made. Otherwise, there will be more questions and equally more answers only.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: If there are any number of questions, I shall be giving any number of answers.

*210 and *211. [For answers, vide cols 1335—38 infra].

*212 and *213. [The questioner (Shri P. N. Rajabhoj) was absent. For answers, vide col. 1339 infra].

HARMFUL EFFECTS OF USE OF FERTILISER

*214. **SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the land where fertilizer is used becomes unproductive after some years and the vegetables produced in such lands prove harmful to health; and

(b) if so, whether Government have consulted the scientists and specialists in this connection and what opinion they have expressed in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) and (b) There is no evidence to support this view.

SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: May I know, Sir, whether the Government has received any complaints from some States regarding this?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: No, Sir.

RESERVATION OF TICKETS AT VICTORIA TERMINUS STATION

*215. **SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: