

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Each of the Community Development Block had Rs. 50,000 and then the Planning Commission had budgeted some amount—sizeable amount—under development schemes for village water supply. Besides that we had an amount of Rs. 28 crores for rural pipe water supply of which a substantial amount has been spent. As the Prime Minister just now said, we are giving top priority to this and we shall be happy to allot as much as possible for rural water supply.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: I do not want to be told 'A substantial amount has been spent'. I want to know the actual amount spent. I understand only very little has been spent.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Mere emphasis does not reduce the amount. A sum of Rs. 18 crores has been spent. (*Interruptions.*) And that is not all. We are going to spend something more in the Third Five Year Plan.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir, you have seen how the Prime Minister has dealt with this question and how the Health Minister is dealing with it. I suggest that such questions should be dealt with a little more seriously and with less frivolity.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: The Prime Minister just now stated that there is an attempt to supply drinking water to every village. In that case there are villages where there is no drinking water at all and water has to be brought from a distance of 15 to 20 miles. While steps are taken to....

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question related to Union Territories. The Prime Minister replied that we should try to provide drinking water to every village. 'Every village' includes villages in the Union Territories and they are making attempts to provide drinking water to „every village in the Union Territories.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Yes, Sir, it will be done in due course.

*127 to *129. [*The questioner (Shri Niranjana Singh) was absent. For answers, vide cols. 832-33 infra.*]

SETTING UP OF MORE MECHANISED FARMS

„„„ /SHRI JASWANT SINGH: \SHRI P. N. RAJABHOJ:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up more mechanised farms on the lines of the Suratgarh Farm;

(b) if so, whether the State Governments have been approached in this connection and what is their response; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to develop a buffalo breeding farm and a cow breeding farm?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA) : (a) Yes, provided suitable sites are available.

(b) State Governments were asked to indicate the availability of contiguous blocks of land of 10,000 to 30,000 acres answering certain requirements. The Governments of Rajasthan, Bombay, Andhra, Punjab, Mysore, Orissa and Bihar have indicated the availability of such blocks. The suitability of these sites is under consideration of the committee appointed in this connection.

(c) Yes.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: As we know, the machinery for the Suratgarh Farm was supplied by the Soviet Union. Do we take it that in regard

The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Jaswant Singh.

to other farms also we will get free farming machinery from other countries?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: No; we are not expecting any gifts from any country. This is just a plan to bring some more area in India under mechanised cultivation and have some more farms in India on the model of the Suratgarh Farm. If in the meanwhile any friendly nation comes forward to help us, it is a different matter.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: So far, we are working this Suratgarh Farm with the machinery supplied by the Soviet Union. On what basis can we say that this scheme of having a State-owned mechanised farm will be successful?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: In the Suratgarh Farm though the machinery is gifted machinery, we have taken its value into account and we allow every year depreciation on the machinery at 10 per cent. After allowing 4 per cent interest on the capital and 2 per cent depreciation on the buildings and other things, we calculate the profit and we have been able to earn profits for the last two years. So we say that such farms will be successful in India.

श्री पां० ना० राजभोज : क्या यह बात सच है कि सरकार ने इस सिलसिले में श्री डामले की—जो कि कृषि मंत्रालय के सचिव हैं—एक समिति नियुक्त की है और उस समिति ने कुछ प्रोजेक्ट्स रखे हैं ? यदि ऐसा है तो वे प्रोजेक्ट्स क्या हैं कृपा करके बतायें ?

श्री एम० वी० कृष्णप्पा : उस समिति ने सारे हिन्दुस्तान में हर एक प्रान्तीय सरकार को एक प्रश्नावलि भेजी थी। इस प्रश्नावलि का अब जवाब भी मिल गया है और उस जवाब पर समिति सोच रही है। ये सब जवाब अभी उसके विचाराधीन हैं।

श्री पां० ना० राजभोज : क्या सरकार का ध्यान इस बात पर खींचा गया है कि विनोबा जी ने अमेरिका के राजदूत श्री बंकर

से एक मुलाकात में कहा है कि मैकेनाइज्ड फार्म्स भारत के योग्य नहीं हैं ? तो क्या इस बात पर पुनश्च विचार होने की सम्भावना है ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: It is a general question whether under Indian conditions mechanised farms are suitable. We also feel that under Indian conditions we do not want to mechanise Indian agriculture to the extent that the hon. Member has in mind. But we intend to have more mechanised farms of the Suratgarh type—seed farms—where we want to concentrate on seed production.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: In regard to part (c) I would like to know where the buffalo breeding farm is to be established.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: It will be in the hon. Member's province; most probably in the same area from where the hon. Member comes. It will be located somewhere in the Rajasthan Canal area.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: My question is this. I understand that this buffalo breeding farm is to be established somewhere else. When the Suratgarh Farm was established, one of the aims was that buffalo and cow breeding farms would also be established there. But it has not been done. Has that proposal been dropped so that they are established somewhere else?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: When the Suratgarh Farm was thought of, we never thought of making it a buffalo or cow breeding farm. It was to be a highly mechanised farm a portion of which will be a composite farm, where we will have animal husbandry. For development of buffaloes in this area we are going to have a buffalo breeding farm in the Rajasthan Canal area during the third Plan but the actual location of it has not been finalised.

SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP SINHA: How does the yield per acre from the Suratgarh Farm compare with the average yield in India of the various cereals?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: I can give figures for the last three years. In the first year the average was 6 maunds per acre.

SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP SINHA: Of what commodity?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: In the second year it was 12 maunds and in the third year it was 20 maunds and provided we get irrigation for all the areas we expect to go up to 30 maunds per acre whereas the average yield for wheat in India is 11 to 12 maunds per acre. In Suratgarh, provided we get full irrigation when the Rajasthan Canal will be ready and the Bhakra system will be ready, we hope to raise the per acre yield in that area to 30 maunds whereas in the neighbouring areas it will be about 15 to 20 maunds. That means with full irrigation and with greater mechanisation we can raise the yield and we can grow good seeds.

SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP SINHA: May I know what percentage of the Farm is irrigated today?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: We have only 3,000 acres under perennial irrigation and about 8,000 to 10,000 acres have irrigation only during the rainy season; that is non-perennial.

SHRI N. M. LINGAM: Is the improved yield due to better fertilisers and seeds or is it due to mechanisation only?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: This is a new area; we have just opened up the land. When we open up new land for three or four years the yield will be good. Now we are not applying manure but we will have to apply more manure hereafter.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Besides growing seeds, may I know whether some experiments regarding better methods of production are also being made there?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: All methods to enhance the yield per acre

by improved seeds, improved implements, improved manuring, improved agricultural practices, etc. will be tried in the farm.

SHRI JAI NARAIN VYAS: Is it in the knowledge of the Government that very few buffaloes are available in the areas through which the Rajasthan Canal would flow and therefore will the Government think of setting up cow farms there in place of buffalo farms?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: That was also considered when we thought of a buffalo breeding farm in India, whether we should have one in the Third Five Year Plan. We do not have a buffalo breeding farm. Buffaloes should not be neglected to that extent. Though it was neglected, in spite of Government's neglect, it was coming up in the Punjab. So, we thought somewhere near the Ganga Canal area, in the Ganganagar division, we should locate the farm. About the suitability of that area, it is left to the expert. I am not an expert on buffaloes.

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : क्या मंत्री महोदय कृपा करके बतायेंगे कि राजस्थान में और आन्ध्र प्रदेश में ऐसे फार्म्स बनाने का कहां कहां निश्चय हुआ है ?

श्री एम० वी० कृष्णप्पा : आन्ध्र सरकार ने दो जगहों के नाम हमारे पास भेजे हैं । एक इमंगानूर के पास तुंगभद्रा डिवीजन में है और दूसरा गोदावरी के पास एक जगह है । यह अभी विचाराधीन है कि इन दोनों जगहों में से किस जगह हमें करना है, किस जगह नहीं ।

एयर इंडिया इंटरनेशनल की यात्री विमान सेवाएँ

***११५. श्री योगेश चन्द्र चटर्जी (श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान की ओर से) :** क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या एयर इंडिया इंटरनेशनल के यात्री-विमान सहारा रेगिस्तान के ऊपर हो कर गुजरते हैं; और