RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, 18th February 1959

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

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

RETRENCHMENT OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

*178. SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway employees (below the rank of officers) are being retrenched on all the Indian Railways; and

(b) if so, what is the total number of such employees so far retrenched and what is the break-up of retrenchment Zone-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

दिल्ली में चूहों को नष्ट करने का आन्दोलन

*१७९. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली प्रशासन ने दिल्ली के देहाती क्षेत्र मे चूहों को नष्ट करने का जो आंदोलन चलाया था उसमें अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ;

(ख) कितनी बार तथा कितने दिनों तक यह आंदोलन चलाया जा चुका है और कितने दिनों तक चलाने की योजना है ; और

(ग) कितने सरकारी तथा गैर-सरकारी लोगों ने उसमें भाग लिया है और कितने चूहे नष्ट किये जा चुके है ?

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†[CAMPAIGN FOR DESTROYING RATS IN DELHI

*179. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the campaign which was started by the Delhi Administration to destroy rats in the rural area of Delhi;

(b) the number of times and the duration for which this campaign was continued and for how long it is proposed to continue it; and

(c) the number of officials and non-officials who participated in the campaign and the number of rats destroyed?]

कृषि उपमंत्री (श्री एम० वी० कृष्णप्पा): (क) मे (ग) सभा की टेबिल पर एक विवरण रख दिया गया है।

विवरण

(क) रबी उत्पादन आन्दोलन के एक भाग के रूप में दिल्ली के ३६ गांवों में जिसमें लगभग ३५००० एकड़ भमि थी, चहों को मारने के लिये जहर प्रयोग किया गया ।

(ख) चुने हुए दो ग्रामो मे—एक सिचाई किये हुए और एक बिना सिचाई किये हुए क्षेत्रो में—कुछ तजुर्बे के बाद, यह आन्दोलन ९ से १७ फरवरी १९५९ तक चलाया गया और दूसरे क्षेत्रों में यह काम सहायको और विस्तार स्टाफ के साधारण कार्यवाहियों के भाग के रूप में जारी है ।

(ग) इस आन्दोलन मे ३२ सहायको की टीमें, जिसमें खाद्य और कृषि मंत्रालय के अन्तर्गत कार्यालयो मे नियुक्त स्टाफ के १६६ सदस्य थे, ब्लाक विस्तार स्टाफ,

†[] English translation.

दिल्ली प्रशासन के अफसर, स्थानीय जनता और कुछ स्थानो में स्कूलों के बच्चों ने भाग लिया ।

नष्ट किये गये चूहो की संख्या को गिनना मुमकिन नहीं है लेकिन बन्द किये हुए बिलों के न खुलने से निर्णय करते हुये यह अनुमान लगाया जा सका कि परिणाम सन्तोषजनक था ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) As part of the Rabi Production Campaign the poison baiting of rats in 36 villages of Delhi covering an area of approximately 35,000 acres was undertaken.

(b) After gaining some experience in two selected villages—one on the irrigated and one on the non-irrigated areas—the campaign was conducted from 9th to 17th February, 1959 and is being continued by Teams of Helpers and Extension staff as part of their normal activities in other areas.

(c) 32 Teams of Helpers consisting of 166 members of staff deputed by offices under the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the Block Extension Staff, officials of the Delhi Administration, the local population and in certain cases school children participated in the campaign.

It is not possible to count the number of rats destroyed but judging from the non-opening of burrows closed it could be estimated that the result was satisfactory.]

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : यह जो विवरण में बताया गया है कि इन चूहों को पायजन बेटिंग किया गया है तो इसका सरकार के पास क्या प्रमाण है कि वे एक्चुअली बेटिंग से मरे ?

†[] English translation.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: We have closed these burrows after baiting with poison and they have not yet opened the burrows. That means they have died inside the burrows.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They are inactive.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: That is how we take it.

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या सरकार को यह मालूम है कि वे उन बोरोज को दूसरी जगह से नहीं खोद सकते है ?

श्री एम० वी० कृष्णप्पा : अभी तक नहीं खोले गये है । अगर खोले गये होते तो हमको मालूम होता ।

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या सरकार इस आन्दोलन को दूसरे हिस्सो में भी फैलाना चाहती है क्योंकि चूहों का उत्पात दूसरे हिस्सो में भी बहुत ज्यादा है । अगर वह इस बात की कोशिश कर रही है तो क्या क्या कर रही है ?

श्री एम० वी० कृष्णप्पा : जरूर । दूसरे प्रान्तों मे भी यह आन्दोलन शुरू किया जाने वाला है । हम रबी उत्पादन आन्दोलन में इस चीज को एक अंग के रूप में शुरू करने वाले ह ।

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार इसके लिए राज्य सरकारों को माली और टेकनिकल सहायता देगी ?

श्री एम० वी० कृष्णप्पा : हम पैसा नहीं दे सकते है मगर मारने के वास्ते विष दे सकते है ।

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: I want to enquire from the hon. Minister as to what steps in the Government's

knowledge are being taken by the rats to counteract the increase in the population of the people?

(*No reply.*)

DR. P. C. MITRA: May I know the measures taken for the mass destruction of rats in India?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: A random sample survey has been made and it is said that the population of rats is almost six times as that of the human population. There are now 240 crores of rats in India. . . . (*Interruptions.*) In my own house, there are 8 times the number of rats that we have men in the house. I have a random sample survey made.

SHRI D. A. MIRZA: What is the poison that used to kill the rats and how long does it take to have its effect?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: It is a chemical called zinc phosphide that is used and as to how long it takes to produce effect, it depends on the strength or the variety of rat. There are various kinds of rats. There are bandicoots which are very big and it is very difficult to kill them. It takes some time to kill a bandicoot whereas ordinary small rats die easily.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know whether any survey of the rats in the Secretariat buildings has been taken?

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Not only rats but bandicoots.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Generally the bandicoots exist in the cities and rats in the villages.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know the approximate quantity of foodgrains destroyed or taken in by these rats and its price?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: It has been roughly calculated that the 240 crores of rats, at the rate of 1 oz. per day, would consume 2·6 million tons of foodgrains.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are proceeding on mere speculation. In your house there are eight people and 80 rats and therefore in the whole country there must be 240 crores?

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: What about the Secretariat?

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: May I know whether adequate precautions have been taken to prevent the poison being accidentally taken by human beings or other animals?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: We have taken this up in fact in the recent Agriculture Ministers Conference and we have taken very seriously this rat campaign as part of our Rabi campaign and a bulletin is being issued to educate the people, especially the school-children and the farmers, about how to use this poison, how to locate the rats in the burrows and then after baiting them with grains, how to handle the poison and what will be the effect if by mistake it is taken, etc. All the proper education is being given by the Extension workers.

DR. H. N. KUNZRU: Are the Government aware that the rat nuisance has raised serious problems in the Ballia district in the U.P. and have they distributed this poison or made any arrangements to have this poison distributed in the Ballia District?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: These rats exist in almost all States and I don't know whether it is particularly in U.P. alone. I don't know how the U. P. rats look like.... (*Interruptions.*) But we intend to have this campaign in almost all States wherever the menace is increasing.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What have you to say, Shrimati Rukmini Devi, about the prevention of cruelty to rats? I am asking her about cruelty to rats.

SHRIMATI RUKMINI DEVI ARUNDALE: Sir, if they can be killed instantaneously, if there is

some kind of poison which would work quickly and not bring about terrible suffering, it will be better...

SHRI D. A. MIRZA: You want them to be shot?

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Humane killing.

सहकारी आन्दोलन

*१८०. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आल इंडिया कोआपरेटिव यूनियन की कार्य-कारिणी समिति ने, जिसकी बैठक गत दिसम्बर मास में दिल्ली में हुई थी, सहकारी आन्दोलन के प्रति राष्ट्रीय विकास परिषद् के दृष्टिकोण को वास्तविकता से परे बताया है और ऊपर से दिये जाने वाले निदेशों के सम्बन्ध में अपनी असहमति प्रगट की है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इन प्रस्तावों पर विचार किया है, और इस सम्बन्ध में वह किस निर्णय पर पहुंची है ?

†[CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT

*180. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Executive Committee of the All-India Co-operative Union, which held its meeting in Delhi in the month of December last, has declared the approach of the National Development Council towards Co-operative Movement as not realistic and has expressed *its disapproval* of *the* directions from above; and

(b) if so, whether Government have considered these proposals and what decision they have arrived at in this connection?]

सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्री (श्री एस० के० डे) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

†[THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI S. K. DEY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.]

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या यह सच है कि रजिस्ट्रारों का जो कंवेशन हुआ था जिसमें कौंसिल की कोआपरेटिव सम्बन्धी पालिसी निर्धारित की गई थी उसमें कोई भी कोआपरेटिव यूनियन का गैर सरकारी रिप्रेजेन्टेटिव नहीं था ?

SHRI S. K. DEY: It was a purely official meeting to elicit the opinion of the State Governments. We are proposing shortly to have a Conference of State Ministers and State Registrars on co-operation and we propose also to associate prominent non-officials.

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या यह ठीक है कि स्टेट लेविल या नेशनल लेविल पर कोआपरेटिव पालिसी की छानबीन करने के लिए जो वर्किंग ग्रुप स्थापित किया गया था उन में सिवाये आफिसरों के गैर-सरकारी आदमियों को शरीक नहीं किया गया था ?

SHRI S. K. DEY: Again it was an official working group to examine the recommendations of the National Development Council and see how far they can be implemented.

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : इन चीजों को देखकर कोआपरेटिव यूनियन की

†[ ] English translation.