

There is another question here which is coming up later . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: You will answer it then?

SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN: If you allow it.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Sir, if the new route pattern for making the optimum use of these Dakotas comes into force, certainly some of the Dakotas will become surplus then. What does the Government propose to do with those Dakotas?

SHRI S. K. PATIL: Sir, that is a suggestion for action.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: What does the Government propose to do about those surplus Dakotas? According to the new route pattern, when it comes into force, some of these Dakotas will become surplus.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We will think about it when we are faced with that problem.

THREAT OF SOIL EROSION IN GHAR IN UTTAR PRADESH

*542. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint about hazards of soil erosion which is seriously threatening over fifty per cent area of Ghar in the District of Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) what action Government propose to take in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) and (b). The Government of India as well as the U.P. Government have not received any such complaints. However, the State Government is aware of the problem and they are taking suitable soil conservation measures for treating the areas.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, if any survey has been made in the Ghar area either by the State Government or by the Central Government?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: No, Sir. No survey as such has been made, although the State Planning Department of U.P. is looking after this subject, and it is training certain village level workers to do this soil conservation work.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, if any hon. Minister of the Government has seen the news which was published in all the newspapers to the effect that about 1,000 families had been affected by this hazard of soil erosion in the Ghar area?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I have not seen it, Sir.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know, Sir, if the hon. Minister is aware that Saharanpur is the hometown of the Minister of Food and Agriculture, and that is why all this erosion is taking place there?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

ALL INDIA SOIL AND LAND USE SURVEY SCHEME

*543. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of FOOD-AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in the All India Soil and Land Use Survey Scheme; and

(b) whether any survey scheme has started functioning and whether the land use maps have been prepared?

THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION

[(DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) and (b).]

i The scheme started functioning from March, 1958. Reconnaissance soil survey of about 11,00,000 acres and detailed soil survey of about 1,42,000 acres have been completed so far. No land use map has yet been prepared.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, the money budgeted for this scheme in the Second Five-Year Plan, and especially for the year 1958?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Sir, the total budget provision in the Second Five-Year Plan for the two individual schemes stood at Rs. 79-77 lakhs, but the two schemes have now been integrated, and the provision now is Rs. 65-09 lakhs. I haven't got the break-up of the figure.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, whether this scheme will be taken up by the State Government or by the Central Government?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: It is entrusted to the Pusa Institute.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, how much time it will take to prepare the land use map?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I could not give that estimate. It is rather a complicated matter.

SHRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR: May I know, Sir, whether the sample surveys will be detailed surveys for the various areas?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: They will be fairly detailed surveys. We want to have a soil map, which means the varieties of various soils at various places.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: It has been stated that so far the survey of about one lakh acres has been completed. May I know, Sir, at this rate how much time it will take to complete the whole of India?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Sir, we are trying to proceed as fast as possible. I admit that the progress is rather slow. But we require technical personnel and other things. I hope it will be geared up a little later.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: How many generations?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Centuries, generations, decades and so on and so forth. Next question.

ESTABLISHMENT OF DEEP SEA FISHING UNIT IN ANDAMANS

•544. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether any deep sea fishing unit has been established in the Andamans; if so,—

(a) when it is likely to start its operations; and

(b) the number of boats purchased for the deep sea fishing operations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): No.

(a) and (b). Do not arise.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, if the Government has got any scheme to be started in future for deep-sea fishing around the shores of the Andamans?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Sir, we had a scheme for the Andamans included in the Second Plan. But due to foreign exchange difficulties we have not been able to start it, and it may not be possible to do so in this Plan, because it involves so much of foreign exchange by way of ships and trawlers.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: May I know, Sir, whether anybody is sent from the Jantar Mantar Road to fish in the troubled waters of Andamans?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question,

AIRCRAH NEAR MOHANBARI IN DIBRUGARH

♦545. SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether an Indian Airlines cargo plane crashed near Mohanbari in Dibrugarh in June, 1958;