

## RAJYA SABHA

*Tuesday, 20th August 1957*

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

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### PRIORITIES FOR THE SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN PROJECTS

\*108. SHRI M. H. SAMUEL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme of strict priorities has been decided upon for implementing the Second Five Year Plan projects; and

(b) if so, to what extent the targets of the Plan have been reduced?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. N. MISHRA): (a) Priorities have been worked out from the point of view of foreign exchange expenditure during this year and the next year.

(b) No reductions have so far been made in the targets for the Plan period as a whole.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, if the total cost of the Plan has been revised, and if so, what is the revised cost of the Plan?

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: There is, Sir, no such sure, quantitative estimate of the increase in the total cost of the Plan as a result of the rise in prices and things of that kind. We have got some figures, but they are for internal use and I do not think they will be of any use to the House.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know, Sir, if from the point of view of the present foreign exchange position, priorities for distribution of funds have been arranged and if the present leaning is towards agricultural projects rather than to power projects?

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SHRI S. N. MISHRA: Sir, the important consideration is to keep the central core of the Plan intact. Care would also be taken to see that agricultural production is strengthened and there is no adverse effect on it.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know, Sir, if the amount of money spent on the Second Five Year Plan is to remain the same and whether and how far, in view of the great rise in prices, the physical targets will be achieved, and if these physical targets are not achieved to the full extent, whether Government is going to have some scheme of priorities so that the more important targets could be achieved by spending more amount of money.

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: Sir, it is quite obvious that if the financial provisions made are not of an adequate nature, there would be an adverse effect on the physical achievements also. But we are taking care of all these aspects in the annual plans from year to year which take into account the real state of the economy.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: It was stated on behalf of the Government that some figures were available with regard to the rise in the cost of the Plan on account of the rise in prices. Why is it not in the public interest to place that information before the House?

SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA: Sir, the whole question of revising the various ingredients of the Plan, to the extent it may become necessary, is under active consideration at the moment; and if anything emerges out of that consideration, in the nature of any modification or readjustment, it will be made known to the House.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: But whatever the revision may be, what objection have Government to letting the House know what the total cost of the Plan is estimated to be in the new circumstances?

SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA: That estimate has not been arrived at.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: But the other gentleman said on behalf of the Government that figures were available in the office.

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: They are in the nature of approximations; they are not firm figures. Therefore, I submitted that they are for internal use.

#### UTILISATION OF THE SOVIET CREDIT OFFER FOR HEAVY ENGINEERING PROJECTS

\*109. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 157 in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th May, 1957 and state:

(a) whether any scheme has since been drawn up for the utilisation of the Soviet Credit offer of Rs. 60 crores in the context of heavy engineering projects; and

(b) if so, what are the outlines of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b). Government intends to utilise a part of the Russian Credit offer of Rs. 60 crores for the following engineering projects:

- (1) Heavy Machine Building Plant.
- (2) Coal Mining Machinery Project.

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سے کڈت ملا ہے اس میں اور کیا معاہدے ہیں ان کی تفصیل بتائی جا سکتی ہے ۔

†[मौलाना एम० फारुकी : यह जो रूस से क्रेडिट मिला है, उस में और क्या मुआहिदे हैं, उन को तफ़्सील बताई जा सकता है ?]

श्री मनुभाई शह : जैसा मैं ने अभी कहा, इन का इस्तेमाल हैवो मशन बिल्डिंग, कोल माइनिंग मशनरी, डेवल मेंट आफ कोरबा फोल्ड, पावर प्लांट फार नैवेली एंड आष्टिकल ग्लास फैक्ट्री के लिये होगा ।

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : جو پلانٹ آپ یہاں چلائیلے اس میں کیا اس قسم کا کوئی معاہدہ ان سے ہے کہ ان کے اپنے ادسی یہاں لئے جائینگے یا جو مشینیں ہونگی وہ وہیں سے لی جائینگی یا اور کہیں سے لی جائینگی ۔

†[मौलाना एम० फारुकी : जो प्लांट आप यहां चलायेंगे, उस में क्या इस विस्म का कोई मुआहिदा उन से है कि उन के इतने आदमा यहां लिये जायेंगे या जो मशीनें होंगी वे वहीं से ली जायेंगी या और कहीं से ली जायेंगी ?]

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : इस तरह का रूस की तरफ से कोई मुआहिदा नहीं है, सिवाय इस के कि उन के यहां से सामान ख़रादा जाय और क्या ख़रादा जाय, यह हम चुने उन के मस्विरे से ।

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: The hon. Minister said just now that this credit of Rs. 60 crores would be utilised in purchasing machinery and plant from Russia. May I know whether in the purchase of this machinery and plant, the Government will keep in view that the prices quoted by Russia are lower than what are available from other countries of the world?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: That is there, for in all purchases the prices are compared with world tenders. I understood the question as asked by hon. Member Moulana Faruqi as to what are the items which the Government of India contemplate to utilise this credit of Rs. 60 crores for. That I have stated on the floor of the House and I have also mentioned the projects in the earlier answer.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: Is it part of the Agreement that the purchase of the equipment should be made in Russia itself?