RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, 3rd May 1956

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

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*109 and *110. [*For answers, vide cols* 1162—1167 infra.]

कृषि मूल्य अस्थिरता जांच समिति द्वारा किया गया विभिन्न स्थानों का दौरा

*१११. **श्रीमती सावित्री देवी निगम** : क्या **खाद्य तथा कृषि** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि कृषि मूल्य अस्थिरता जांच समिति अब तक किन किन स्थानों का दौरा कर चुकी है ?

†[PLACES VISITED BY AGRICULTURAL PRICES VARIATIONS ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

*111. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the places so far visited by the Agricultural Prices Variations Enquiry Committee?]

कृषि मंत्री (डा० पी० एस० देशमुख) : समिति जिन स्थानों का दौरा कर चुकी है, उनकी एक सूची सभा की टेबिल पर रख दी गई है ।

विवरण

उन स्थानों की एक सूची, जिन स्थानों पर कृषि अस्थिरता जांच समिति दौरे पर गई थी ।

उत्तर प्रदेश	हापुड़, लखनऊ और कानपुर ।
पश्चिम बंगाल	कलकत्ता, शीराफुली और शीगुर ।
बिहार	पटना, मरूफगंज और बिहार शरीफ ।
हैदराबाद	हैदराबाद, शादनगर और बादेपाली
आन्ध्र	बसवादा, गंटूर और मसौलीपट्टम ।
बम्बई	बम्बई ।
मध्य प्रदेश	नागपुर, वर्धा और तुमसर ।

†[THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): A list of the places visited by the Committee is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

List of the places visited by the Agricultural Prices Variations Enquiry Committee

Uttar Pradesh	Hapur, Lucknow and Kanpur.
West Bengal	Calcutta, Sheoraphuli and Shingur.
Bihar	Patna, Maroofganj and Bihar Sharif.
Hyderabad	Hyderabad, Shadnagar and Badepalli.
Andhra	Bezwada, Guntur and Masulipatam.
Bombay	Bombay.
Madhya Pradesh	Nagpur, Wardha and Tumsar..

श्रीमती सावित्री देवी निगम : श्रीमान्, क्या मैं यह जान सकती हूं कि समिति ने जो मुख्य सिफारिशें की हैं उनको पूरा करने के लिये अभी क्या क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : अभी तो सिफारिशें ही होना बाकी हैं ।

श्री किशोरी राम : कितने आदमियों की समिति है ?

†English translation.

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : यह तो मैं समझता हूं कि कई बार बतलाया गया है। हमारे डिप्टी मिनिस्टर फार फूड ऐंड एग्रीकल्चर उसके चेयरमैन हैं और शायद पांच सात आदमी और हैं जिनकी मेरे पास इस समय जानकारी नहीं है।

श्रीमती सावित्री देवी निगम : कितने दिनों में आशा की जाती है कि समिति अपनी रिपोर्ट दे देगी ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : महीने डेढ़ महीने में।

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know if the Agricultural Prices Variations Enquiry Committee are consulting the representatives of peasant organisations at the places which they are visiting?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Whom to consult or not has been left to the Committee. I cannot tell who has been consulted and who has not been consulted, but all those who are interested and from whom the Committee is likely to benefit, I am sure, they will consult.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know if any steps are taken by this Committee or on behalf of this Committee to ascertain the wishes of the peasants themselves before this Committee visits any place?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes, Sir.

DR. R. P. DUBE: When was this Committee appointed?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: 6th of June, 1955.

श्रीमती सावित्री देवी निगम : क्या इस कमेटी ने कुछ सर्वेक्षण करने का निश्चय किया है ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : प्राइसेज का सर्वेक्षण तो कर ही रही है।

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: May I know what are the terms of reference of this Committee?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: They are—(1) to collect relevant facts regarding the variations in the prices of foodgrains and other agricultural commodities in different markets; (2) to examine the cases of inter-State or inter-regional or inter-local disparities between these prices and between price movements over different parts of the year in the same market; and (3) to suggest ways and means of reducing the disparities in prices and in price movements as between different areas and as between different times.

SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: Has this Committee visited any villages and consulted agriculturists in the villages?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He answered that question.

श्रीमती सावित्री देवी निगम : क्या मैं यह जान सकती हूं कि यह कमेटी अपने दौरे के दर्मियान या बाद में एक दो हजार फैमिलीज का हर स्थान में नियमित रूप से सर्वेक्षण करेगी ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : मैं तो नहीं समझता कि यह मुनासिब होगा क्योंकि टर्म्स आफ रेफ्रेंस से मालूम होता है कि यह एक इकोनामिक्स कमेटी नहीं है जो रिसर्च करने जा रही है। जैसा कि टर्म्स आफ रिफ्रेंस में बतलाया गया है, आमतौर से जो जगह जगह से और वक्त वक्त पर प्राइसेज में फर्क होता है, उसकी यह जांच करेगी और उसके ऊपर अपनी सिफारिशें करेगी।

श्रीमती सावित्री देवी निगम: श्रीमान्, क्या मैं यह जान सकती हूं कि बिना सर्वेक्षण किये इस कमेटी के सदस्य यह कैसे पता लगा पायेंगे कि किसानों की साल भर की गल्ले की क्या जरूरतें हैं बीज की क्या जरूरत है जिन पर अनाज के भाव का उतार चढ़ाव निर्भर होता है ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : यह तो माननीय सदस्या का मत है कि इस इंवेस्टिगेशन की कोई आवश्यकता है । इसके बारे में जानकारी और सर्वेज़ पूरे नहीं होंगे लेकिन आमतौर पर हमारे पास कुछ मालूमात है ।

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know if it is a fact that the prices of agricultural commodities especially food articles register a fall at the time when the peasants sell at the market and show a steep rise when they buy from the market towards the end of the agricultural year?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Everyone of us knows this phenomenon and I am sure the Committee will have something to say about it.

CONSTRUCTION OF MISSING LINKS ON THE NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

*112. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to paragraph 10 on page 49 of the Report of the Ministry of Transport for 1955-56; and state:

(a) the details of the new sections (missing links) of the National Highways which were constructed during the entire period of the first Five Year Plan; and

(b) the total expenditure incurred in each year on the construction of these missing links during the plan period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) and (b). Apparently the Member is referring to para. 7 on page 49 of the Report of the Ministry of Transport for 1955-56 and not to para. 10 which is on page 50.

A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [*See* Appendix XIII, Annexure No. 19.]

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know what is meant by these bye-passes which are referred to on page 8 of the statement?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: When the National Highways pass through several busy and congested cities and towns, in order to provide uninterrupted flow of transport those towns and cities are bye-passed by the construction of diversion roads. That is what is meant by bye-passes.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know why in many cases the length of miles constructed has not been given especially in cases where a few lakhs of rupees are involved? For instance, item 54 on page 5 where nearly Rs. 28 lakhs are involved; item 58 where about Rs. 10 lakhs are involved. There are some other instances also.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: This statement covers 122 items and all the detailed information that the hon. Member wanted has been provided in this. He says that the mileage has not been given. I do not know why it has not been given. If he wants that in respect of any item, he can write to me and I will supply him the information.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: What I wanted to know was that in some cases he has given the short mileage like 6 furlongs etc. while, as I said, in respect of big items where lakhs of rupees are involved no mileage has been given. Why has it not been given?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: It is not as if we should account only for large amounts and not for small amounts. Every rupee in respect of these items has been carefully scrutinised and spent. If the mileage is missing for certain items, I can give it to him. I do not know why it has been left out.

*113. [*For answer*, vide *cols.* 1167-1169 infra.]

स्टाफ कारों का संचयन

*११४. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) स्टाफ कारों के संचयन से (१) पूर्व के वर्ष में, तथा (२) संचयन के बाद,