

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE
(DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) No.
(b) and (c). Do not arise.]

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या सरकार को इस प्रकार के समाचारों का पता नहीं है कि बहुत से जानवरों को चोरी-चोरी पाकिस्तान ले जाया जा रहा है ? मुमकिन है कि सरकार के अधिकारियों ने सरकार को यह खबर न दी हो । क्या किसी दूसरे सोर्स से इसकी सूचना नहीं मिली है ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : जहां तक सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट का ताल्लुक है, हमारे पास कोई ऐसी इन्फार्मेशन नहीं आई है कि ऐसी स्मगलिंग कु हो रही है ।

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : मेरे इस प्रश्न के करने के पश्चात् क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय ने राजस्थान सरकार से या और सम्बन्धित सरकारों से बात कर के जानकारी हासिल की कि यह चोरी हो रही है कि नहीं ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : जी हां ।
The Government of Rajasthan who were contacted have intimated that no official information is available but the police have been directed to be vigilant and "take suitable steps to prevent illegal trading, if any.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: I want to know whether it is not a fact that there is this regular traffic on both sides, on the side of the Indians who smuggle them out as well as on the side of Pakistanis who come and carry away these cattle to Pakistan?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I am afraid this information has not been supplied to us by the Rajasthan Government

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श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार भी इस प्रकार की कोई कार्यवाही

†English translation.

करेगी कि अपने अधिकारियों को या अपने कर्मचारियों को वहां पर लगा करके पहले तो इस बात की जांच कराये कि यह चीज हो रही है या नहीं और उसके बाद अगर यह मालूम हो कि यह चीज हो रही है तो उसको रोके ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : अगर हम ऐसा करने जायेंगे तो एक तो यह स्टेट के एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन में इंटरफियरेंस होगा और दूसरे इसमें खर्च की बात भी है । मैं नहीं समझता कि ऐसा करना मुनासिब होगा ।

श्री व्य० कु० हुगे : लेकिन दृक्तीकृत तो मालूम करनी चाहिये कि क्या हो रहा है ।

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : राजस्थान गवर्नमेंट इसके ऊपर ज़रूर निगाह रखेगी, ऐसी मुझे आशा है ।

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Is it not true that on the borders of Rajasthan along Pakistan, within a radius of something like fifteen to twenty miles, most of the people who lived there with their cattle have shifted away because of the fear of raids by the Pakistani nationals and the resultant loss of their cattle?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I must ask for notice to answer this question, Sir.

SOIL EROSION

•271. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any estimate has been arrived at of the extent of soil erosion caused annually due to various factors in India; and

(b) which parts of the country are most affected by such erosion?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE
(DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Agricultural and waste lands on undulating topography, particularly in the States of Bombay, Madras, Mysore, Hyderabad and Andhra, are most affected by soil erosion.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Are any comparative figures for the last few years available?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Some States have given us some approximation while the others have said that they do not possess any figures.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: What are the measures that have been taken by Government for checking this erosion?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: This question is now being taken up very seriously. Soil Conservation Boards have been set up and recently there was a conference of the Chairmen of the Soil Conservation Boards. Many States have passed legislation in this respect. Improvements to existing centres for research as well as for experimentation are proceeding and various other steps have also been taken in hand.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Is there any truth in the statement that because of the wind from the Western desert, this desert area is advancing into U.P. and Rajasthan?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: No, Sir. As I have had occasions to point out, the desert is not like a ghost walking towards Delhi with the slogan, "Chalo Delhi". It is a fact, however, that because of overgrazing and so on, large areas have become sandy where nothing grows. Such areas are increasing in some places. That is why the Soil Conservation Board is taking up this problem.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: Is it not a fact that contour-bunding is a simple device for preventing soil erosion?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes, Sir, and that is very extensively used. We are also trying to encourage it.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: What is the help that the Central Government is giving in this respect?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: It would be difficult for me to answer this question but we give all the help that we can. Action has already been taken and the Bombay Government as well as the other Governments have gone very far in this respect.

SHRIMATI K. BHARATHI: May I know whether Government is aware of the fact that great havoc is caused by sea erosion in Travancore-Cochin?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: That is about sea erosion but from the main land we have yet to go to the sea. We have not gone very far in this.

नये रेल मार्गों के निर्माण के लिए राज्य पुनर्गठन आयोग की सिफारिशें

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(क) उक्त पैरा में जिन नये रेल मार्गों के निर्माण के लिये सिफारिशें की गई हैं उन पर रेल मंत्रालय द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार उनमें से किन्हीं रेल मार्गों का निर्माण कराना चाहती है ; यदि हां, तो कितने रेल मार्गों का, वे कौन कौन से स्थानों से होकर गुजरेंगे और उन के निर्माण पर कितना व्यय होने का अनुमान है ; और

(ग) इन रेल मार्गों का निर्माण कब तक हो जाने की आशा है ?