

LOK SABHA

Thursday, April 11, 1968/Chaitra 22,
1890 (Saka).

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

National Plan on Co-operative Development

*1167. SHRI D. C. SHARMA : Will the MINISTER of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been urged upon by the National Co-operative Union of India to draw a National Plan on Co-operative Development ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY). (a) No specific proposal for drawing up a National Plan on Co-operative Development has been received from the National Cooperative Union of India.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI D. C. SHARMA : Have Government any plan for co-operative development in the Fourth Plan ? If so, what is approximately its nature and scope ?

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : We have constituted a working group for

this purpose recently. It will be meeting very shortly, on 19th April. It is going to have a few meetings to suggest proposals for inclusion in the next Plan.

SHRI D. C. SHARMA : What is the amount spent on development of the co-operative movement now, and what is approximately going to be the amount earmarked for its development and this project during the next four or five years ?

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : This is coming up during the debate, but I may inform him that for co-operative development as such in 1967-68 we propose to spend about Rs. 38 crores.

SHRI SHRI CHAND GOEL : In view of the fact that the country has rejected the Nagpur resolution of the Congress on co-operative farming, will the development of co-operatives be confined to co-operative consumers' societies and societies for the distribution of agricultural materials for the facility of farmers, or it will also extend to co-operative farming ?

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : It also extends to co-operative farming.

श्री रवि राय : मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि हमारे देश में सामुदायिक आन्दोलन के अन्दर जो कमियाँ हैं और गाडगिल कमेटी की जिस तरह की सिफारिशें हैं उनको मद्देनजर रखते हुए क्या मंत्री महोदय की राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर कौन्सिलरिटिव मूवमेंट को सफल बनाने की योजना है ? अगर है तो वह क्या है ?

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : Yes, we have kept in view the recommendations of the Gadgil Committee on co-operative farming. Our emphasis now is on revitalisation and streamlining of the co-operative movement so far as agricultural lands are concerned, and we are trying

to consolidate these lands at various points.

SHRI D. N. TIWARY : Have the National Co-operative Union their own warehouses to keep foodgrains of the cultivators ? If so, how do they co-ordinate their warehousing with that of the Warehousing Corporation and other bodies ?

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : The co-operative societies do have warehouses of their own, and the marketing societies, supply societies and the federations at the national level are trying to evolve a scheme for this purpose.

श्री रघुबीर सिंह शास्त्री : क्या मंत्री महोदय को यह ज्ञात है कि हमारे देश में सहकारिता आन्दोलन जिन मूल आदर्शों और प्रयोजनों के लिये जारी किया गया था वह पूरे नहीं हुए और आज जिस तरह से सहकारिता संस्थायें काम कर रही हैं उसमें वह बिल्कुल निष्फल रहा है और जो आशायें हमने लगाई थीं वह पूरी नहीं हो सकती ? यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार इस बात पर विचार करेगी कि इस सारे मामले पर इस दृष्टि से विचार किया जाय कि कोऑपरेटिव आन्दोलन सकल हो सके और उससे जो आशायें हमने रखी थीं और जो प्रयोजन हमने सोचे थे वह पूरे हो सकें ?

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : The hon. Member has made a very sweeping remark. The co-operative movement as such has not failed. There may be setbacks in certain sectors. These things are being looked into all the time. Our effort has been to eliminate the deficiencies in the movement and to remove drawbacks and streamline and consolidate the co-operative sector as well as expand it wherever possible. I do not concede that the movement has failed.

SHRI PILOO MODY : What is the standard of success ?

श्री भारद्वाज राय : क्या मंत्री महोदय बतलायेंगे कि जब से प० जवाहरलाल नेहरू ने सहकारिता आन्दोलन को एक अभियान का

रूप दिया और भारत सरकार ने इस विषय में कुछ कदम उठाये और राज्य सरकारों ने भी इस दिशा में कुछ काम किये हैं, उसके बाद से राष्ट्रीय आघार पर उसकी प्रगति को देख कर क्या भारत सरकार सन्तुष्ट है उस की प्रगति और उसके कामों से ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): Co-operatives were envisaged so that people with limited resources could combine together either in the field of production or distribution. There is no gain saying the fact that the expectations have not fully materialised.

SHRI PILOO MODY : Why ?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM : That will require a long education for my hon. friend. There have been defects...

SHRI PILOO MODY : I require a long education, but he long tenure of the Minister will not solve the problem.

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM : I will advise my hon. friend to read something about the co-operative movement in this country. Then he will come to know of it (*Interruptions*). What is this running commentary ? If he has something to ask, let him put a supplementary (*Interruptions*).

I was saying that there are shortcomings and defects. What we are proposing to do is to have a meeting of the Chief Ministers and the Co-operation Ministers so that we can revise the policy and programme and, if necessary, the Acts also.

Sale of India-bound Milo stranded in Suez Canal

*1168. **SHRI KAMESHWAR SINGH :** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are negotiating to sell the India-bound milo stranded in the Suez Canal ; and

(b) if so, the details of the deal, if finalised ?