

है कि वह जल्दी से जल्दी माल भेजना शुरू कर दे।

Shri Vasudevan Nair: May I know the main commodities that will be exported from India to Afghanistan according to this agreement?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The main items will be tea, cotton textiles, artificial rayon textiles, some light engineering products, bicycles, motor cycles and things like that.

Shri Narendrasingh Mahida: May I know whether trade between Afghanistan and India has increased or decreased?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It has only increased.

Shri Basumatari: May I know whether there is any apprehension of this agreement being affected due to the present situation in the country?

Shri Manubhai Shah: We are carrying on and are trying to expand our trade in spite of the situation, because the situation demands that there must be more flow of trade.

Shri R. G. Dubey: May I know whether it is a fact that the trade route lies through Pakistan and there are innumerable difficulties in the way of implementing this agreement?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It is precisely so. We are very sorry that due to the intransigence of the Government of Pakistan the trade between these two countries, which could expand considerably more, is being hampered. We are trying to charter certain air freighters between Kabul and Delhi.

Development of parks in Delhi New Delhi

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*8. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri P. C. Borooh:

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Master Plan for the development of parks in Delhi and New Delhi is under consideration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Jaganatha Rao): (a) Yes.

(b) A Sub-Committee has been appointed for this purpose and is working out the details.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what are the terms of reference given to this Committee so far as the details are concerned?

Shri Jaganatha Rao: The terms of reference are: to prepare a Master Plan for the development of parks in Delhi and New Delhi consistent with the needs relating to the roadside parks etc.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know who are the members of this Committee?

Shri Jaganatha Rao: This Committee was formed in July, 1957 under the chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply along with the Director, Horticulture, Central P.W.D. This Committee appointed a sub-committee recently to go into this question. A tentative programme has been drawn up and it will be finalised very soon.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: May I know whether the cost of the layout and development of parks will be borne by the local bodies or the Central Government will be giving some aid for this work?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): It is very difficult to answer that question as yet. We have a number of parks in Delhi and New Delhi. Certainly, the local bodies shall be consulted when we look into the matter of landscape.

Shri P. C. Borooh: May I know whether in view of the national emergency such beautification schemes are likely to be deferred in favour of more important schemes?

Mr. Speaker: That is a suggestion for action. Shri Tyagi.

Shri Tyagi: My question has been partly covered. I wanted to know if the Government are taking any steps to revise their scheme so as to do away with any avoidable expenditure, and whether this item comes under that category or not.

Mr. Speaker: A good suggestion.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know when this Committee was appointed and when it is likely to start work?

Shri Mehr Chand Khanna: The Committee has already started its work. We appointed a Sub-Committee on the 30th August, 1962—hardly two months ago. That committee is doing its work very strenuously.

Power and Transport

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Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:
Shri Harish Chandra
Mathur:
 *9. { **Shri R. G. Dubey:**
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:
Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:
Shri Morarka:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has given further thought to the two bottlenecks in the economy viz., power and transport;

(b) whether any suggestions have been forwarded in this regard by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry; and

(c) whether concrete proposals have been formulated to mitigate the shortages in the two sectors?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment and for Planning (Shri C. E. Pattabhi Raman): (a) to (c). At a meeting held

on October 13, 1962, the Planning Commission reviewed with the representatives of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry the recommendations made by the Transport and Power Conference held under the auspices of the Federation from September 21 to September 23. In the light of the discussions, the Ministry of Railways are working out a scheme for organising movements in full train loads of commodities requiring bulk transport, specially, coal, cement, fertilizers, products of steel plants, food-grains (on trade account) and sugar (for export).

In regard to Power, the action already in hand was explained to the representatives of the Federation.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Part (c) of the question has not been answered. May I know the concrete action taken or to be taken by the Government to overcome the increasing volume of trade and economic activities that are still not covered by power and transport?

Shri C. E. Pattabhi Raman: So far as the increase in power is concerned, there are various items. The installed capacity has risen to 5.5 million kw. at the end of the Second Plan from 2.3 million kw. at the end of the First Plan. One factor is the stress on thermal generation. Secondly, there is the need for strengthening the technical personnel; thirdly, provision of furnace oil. National grid is another item. Finally, duty on electricity is also a matter which has to be gone into.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know what portion of the increasing volume of economic activity of the country will be covered by the activities of the Government and what portion will be left uncovered by power and transport?

Shri C. E. Pattabhi Raman: So far as the industrial needs are concerned, the power demands are met as