

Mr. Speaker: They have not.

Shri Bhagavati: Various suggestions have been made and they are under consideration.

Mr. Speaker: Is this also one of them? That he cannot say now.

Shri Kapur Singh: May I know whether the Government are aware that the numismatic inartistry of our stamps is a by-word amongst connoisseurs?

Mr. Speaker: Has he followed it?

Shri Kapur Singh: May I repeat it? May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that the numismatic inartistry of our postage stamps is a by-word amongst connoisseurs?

Some Hon. Members: Not clear.

Shri Kapur Singh: Whether the crudity of the artistic aspect of our postage stamps is commented upon by connoisseurs throughout the world and whether the Government are aware of it?

Mr. Speaker: Favourably or adversely?

Shri Kapur Singh: Adversely. Crudity I said.

Mr. Speaker: Comments there are always. Favourably or adversely: it should be clear. Is the Government aware?

Shri Bhagavati: Comments are favourable.

Shri Daji: I want to know whether this decision has been taken in an ad hoc manner or there is any permanent machinery with the department that from time to time, in two or three years, takes up revision of designs.

Shri Bhagavati: A committee was appointed to go into this question and that has considered this matter.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: May I know if it is contemplated to issue stamps with the idea of education value or

so as to be demonstrative and if it is the former, what are the details?

Shri Bhagavati: Both. There were two series previously issued one was regarding Indian archaeology and another was regarding development plans before the India map series.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि ये लैस एंटेक्टिव स्टाम्प किसने डिजाइन किये थे और किस ने एप्रूव किये थे ? और क्या जो एप्रूव करने वाले हैं उनके प्रन्दर इतनी सेंस आफ एंटेक्शन पैदा करने की कोशिश की गयी है ताकि आगे ये स्टाम्प मोर एंटेक्टिव बन सकें ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अब आप गढ़ें क्यों खोदने लग गये ।

Next question, Shri Raghunath Singh: not present, Shri Chakraverti.

"Freedom from Hunger" Campaign

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*744. { Shri P. E. Chakraverti;
Shrimati Jamunadevi:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken steps to create mass consciousness in the country to step up agricultural production in line with the 'World Freedom from Hunger' week sponsored by F.A.O.;

(b) if so, the specific programmes and projects organised to make the people in the rural areas interested in the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the World University Service in India has been requested to organise programme for the educated youth; and

(d) if so, the response so far received?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). Efforts were made to arouse aware-

ness and interest of all people, including rural people, in the objectives and importance of the Freedom-from-Hunger Campaign by means of radio broadcasts made by the President and State Chief Ministers, messages given by Vice-President and Prime Minister, and by organising rural rallies.

(c) and (d). The Chairman of the World University Service was requested to organise the programme amongst university students and the Indian National Committee of this Service (WUS) asked its local Committees to organise suitable activities in their respective Universities.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: In view of the fact that the annual addition to the population by 19 million intensifies the question of hunger, was this programme integrated with the programme sponsored by the Health Ministry so far as population control is concerned?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Though this policy of population control is the policy of the Government, it has not been integrated with the programme of the Health Ministry because this is a programme launched by the F.A.O. As I said in reply to the main question, we have a National committee for this campaign and it is working under the direction of the National committee throughout the country.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Have Government devised any concerted scheme to keep up the tempo that has been evidenced by the observance of this week?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Yes, the tempo will be maintained, and it will go on increasing. In fact, we have launched more than half a dozen programmes. In all, eleven programmes will be taken up in various parts of the country.

Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: May I know whether the programme is only educative or whether it has any impact

on the implementation of the food production programme?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: It is both educative and also having an impact on implementation.

Shri Inder J. Malhotra: It was stated previously that the World Food Congress which is to be held in Washington is a part of this campaign. May I know whether the composition of the Indian Delegation has been finalised?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: The hon. Minister of Food and Agriculture will lead that delegation. The composition will be shortly announced in full.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : माननीय मंत्री जी ने बतलाया कि गांवों के अन्दर भूख से मुक्ति के बारे में लोगों को परिचित कराया गया है, क्या उनके ध्यान में यह बात आई है कि गांवों में लाखों लोग ऐसे हैं जोकि भूख से मुक्ति चाहते हैं और खेती करने के लिये भूमि प्राप्त करना चाहते हैं लेकिन उन को भूमि नहीं मिल रही है, तो क्या इसके संबंध में कोई कार्यक्रम या प्रोग्राम बनाया गया है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह तो दूसरा सवाल है ।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : जी नहीं यह तो इसी से संबंधित है । हम उन्हें भूख से मुक्ति दिलाना चाहते हैं और वे उससे मुक्ति पाने के लिये खेती करने के वास्ते जमीन चाहते हैं जोकि उनको नहीं मिल रही है तो मैंने जानना चाहा है कि उसके लिये क्या कोई व्यवस्था की जा रही है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : संबंध तो जरूर बनता है मगर बहुत दूर रास्ते में चलना पड़ता है ।

Shri Daji: The FAO in the course of this campaign has estimated that about 50 per cent of the population of the world is on the hunger margin. May I know whether we also have made any estimate in India

during this campaign, and if so, the percentage of our population who can be called as hungry under the terms of the FAO's definition?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Their estimate includes the quantum of hunger in this country also.

Shri Daji: Have we estimated any percentage for our country?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member wants to know whether any separate percentage has been assessed for our country?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: No.

Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: May I know how far the community development and panchayati raj institutions are being utilised for this purpose?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: When we held this very big rural rally at Rampur in Saharanpur district, the Community Development Ministry's workers fully co-operated with us and they did all that we wanted.

श्री सरजू पांडेय : भूख से मुक्ति आंदोलन के सिलसिले में क्या सरकार मुख्य रूप से अपने देश में बेकारों को काम देने के लिये कोई योजना पर विचार कर रही है अथवा उसे चला रही है ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : उसके बारे में योजना चल रही है और पूर्वी उत्तरप्रदेश में करीब १२-१३ योजनाएँ ऐसी चालू की जा रही हैं कि जिनमें ऐसे लोगों को काम मिलेगा जोकि इस वक्त तक काम नहीं कर रहे हैं और बेकार हैं ।

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस भूख से बचाव आंदोलन को युनिवर्सिटीज के ग्रेजुएट्स चलायेंगे या भूखे किसान चलायेंगे ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : दोनों की जरूरत है । विश्वविद्यालयों के स्नातक और गावों

के किसान और मजदूर सब मिल कर इस काम को चलायेंगे ।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आप की आज्ञा से अपने प्रश्न को पुनः दुहराना चाहता हूँ । मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि खेती करने के इच्छुक लोगों को खेती के लिये जमीन नहीं मिल पा रही है इसलिये क्या राज्य सरकारों को इसके लिये लिखा गया है और मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस कार्य में कितनी प्रगति हुई है ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : उसके संबंध में पूरे आंकड़े देने के लिये तो मैं नोटिस चाहूंगा लेकिन इधर करीब ७०००० एकड़ के करीब जमीन का बंटवारा हुआ है । जमीन को बांटने के लिये विस्तृत योजना बन रही है ।

श्री शिव नारायण : अब तक इस आंदोलन में सरकार ने कितना रुपया खर्च किया है ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : यह सप्ताह जो १७ से लेकर २३ मार्च तक मनाया गया इसमें दो बड़े अच्छे काम खास दिल्ली में किये गये । एक मोबाइल वैन चारों ओर घूम घूम कर ऐसे पौष्टिक पदार्थों को बांटने की कोशिश करेगी जोकि बर्बाद हो जाते हैं, खास कर...

अध्यक्ष महोदय : सवाल जहाँ तक मैंने समझा वह यह था कि सरकार ने कितना रुपया खर्च किया ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : अमृतसर के नजदीक वकें गांव में एक दूध का कारखाना चालू किया गया है उसमें करीब ६० लाख रुपये लगेंगे और २२ लाख उसमें अमरीका की मदद दी जायगी । इसी प्रकार की अन्य योजनाएँ हैं ।