

reconnaissance surveys have been completed. The expert teams which conducted these two surveys have recommended that a sum equivalent to 27,85,600 dollars would be required for pre-investment survey of the route through Burma-East Pakistan-Afghanistan-Iran.

**श्री भक्त दर्शन :** मेरा प्रश्न शायद माननीय मंत्री जी समझे नहीं। मेरा प्रश्न यह है कि इस काम में कितना समय लगेगा, पांच साल या दस साल। क्या कोई अन्दाजा है कि यह कब तक पूरा हो जाएगा ?

**Shri Bhagavati:** It is very difficult to say that.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** From the statement I find that there are 11 priority routes in India and six additional routes. May I know on how many routes work has been taken up? How many routes are still in the stage of preparation of estimates and how many routes are still in cold storage?

**Shri Bhagavati:** The steps already taken have been given fully in the statement. Apart from that, two reconnaissance surveys have been made.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** Where?

**Shri Bhagavati:** In Burma-East Pakistan-Afghanistan-Iran.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** Sir, I am talking of the routes in India but the hon. Minister is talking of the routes in Pakistan.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. The question was in how many routes in India the work has been started and how many routes are in the stage of preparing plans. So far as the third question about cold storage is concerned, probably, the Minister might not have access to that.

**Shri Bhagavati:** I require notice to answer that question.

### दुर्गम क्षेत्र समिति

\*८८४. श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ वर्षों पहले भारत के पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों को खाद्य पदार्थों में आत्मनिर्भर बनाने के सुझाव देने के लिए "दुर्गम क्षेत्र समिति" के नाम से एक समिति नियुक्त की गई थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों ने उस समिति द्वारा की गई सिफारिशों पर कहां तक अमल किया है ; और

(ग) स्वयं केन्द्रीय सरकार ने उन सिफारिशों पर क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम सुभग सिंह) : (क) से (ग). तथा नीचे पटल पर एक विवरण रख दिया गया है। [पुस्तकालय में रखा गया, देखिये संख्या LT ११३१/६३]

**श्री भक्त दर्शन :** श्रीमान्, इस विवरण में यह बताया गया है कि इस कमेटी ने जो सिफारिशों की थीं उन्हें राज्य सरकारों ने और संघीय क्षेत्रों ने तीसरी पंच वर्षीय योजना में सम्मिलित कर लिया है। लेकिन यह नहीं बताया गया कि इन की क्या प्रगति हो रही है। तो क्या माननीय मंत्री जी इस बात का प्रयत्न करेंगे कि राज्य सरकारों से समय समय पर रिपोर्ट ली जाएं और उनसे प्रगति के बारे में जांच पड़ताल चलती रहे ?

**श्री राम सुभग सिंह :** जी हां, इसका प्रयास किया जाएगा।

**श्री भक्त दर्शन :** क्या यह सत्य है कि इस तरह के इलाकों के विकास के बारे में एक गोष्ठी अभी कुछ दिन पहले शिमले में हुई थी जिस में यह सुझाव दिया गया था कि एक हिल डेवलपमेंट बोर्ड बनाया जाय तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि सरकार का उस के बारे में क्या रुख है और उस की कब तक स्थापना हो जायगी ?

**डा० राम सुभग सिंह :** आज उस के सम्बन्ध में बात की जायगी ।

**Shri Inder J. Malhotra :** May I know whether a suggestion like the one made by this Hill Development Seminar at Simla for the creation of this Board which Shri Bhakt Darshan just now referred to was previously under the consideration of the Government? If so, what decision was taken on it?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh :** So far as I know there was no such proposal discussed previously. This is a new proposal that has been agreed to unanimously at the Hill Development Seminar at Simla. But we shall have to discuss it with so many other authorities as well as with the State Governments and we shall see that this discussion is finalised soon and a clear direction is given to the entire problem.

**Shri Swell :** With reference to this Hill Development Seminar at Simla is it a fact that no representative from the Hill Districts of Assam was invited to this Seminar? If so, why?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh :** The original idea was to invite representatives from all the hilly areas which are of 500 metre elevation or higher than that. We did send an invitation to the Director of Agriculture, Assam. The Members of Parliament were also invited. In case my hon. friend, Shri Swell, did not receive that notice, we shall consult him from now onwards.

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** क्या मैं जान सकत हूँ कि चाय के बागान भी हिली एरियाज के अन्दर आयेंगे या यह उन से अलग रहेंगे ?

**डा० राम सुभग सिंह :** जैसा कि मैं ने कहा कि ५०० मीटर और उस से ज्यादा ऊँचाई वाले जितने पहाड़ी क्षेत्र हैं उन सब को इस में शामिल किया गया है । कुछ चाय के बागान जो कि उस से नीचे हैं, छूट जायेंगे लेकिन ऊँचाई वाले जरूर आ जायेंगे ।

**Shri S. M. Banerjee :** May I know whether after the Chinese invasion the Government have decided to make these inaccessible areas accessible? Apart from giving responsibility to the State Government what steps have been taken by the Central Government to see that those areas are properly rehabilitated?

**Mr. Speaker :** This question is about foodstuffs.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee :** My submission is that the inaccessible areas should be made accessible. In that connection I want to know as to what steps have been taken by the Central Government to make those areas accessible apart from giving responsibility to the State Governments which the hon. Minister has said is the recommendation of the Committee.

**Mr. Speaker :** I thought from part (a) of the question that probably the questioner wanted to draw attention only to the recommendation regarding self-sufficiency in foodstuffs.

**श्री भक्त दर्शन :** फुडस्टफ्स के बारे में इस समिति ने सिफारिश का थी कि जिन एरियाज में कम्युनिकेशंस की व्यवस्था न हो उनको उस सम्बन्ध में डेवलप किया जाय ताकि यह एरियाज इनएकमसेबुल न रह सकें ?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh :** Regarding the Central Government's responsibility, the Government has been trying to make the inaccessible areas of Himachal Pradesh, Ladakh, NEFA accessible. The other State Governments are taking care of the areas falling within their States, like, U.P., West Bengal and Assam.

**Shri D. C. Sharma :** From the statement I find that so far as Uttar Pradesh is concerned there is a blanket provision for all hilly districts but so far as Punjab and other areas are concerned, there is representation restricted to a few spots, like, the Kulu Valley of Punjab. May I know if the hon. Minister knows that there

are certain places in the Punjab, Gurdaspur District for instance, which are more than 5,000 metres high?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil):** 5,000 metres?

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** What is the Government going to do in regard to those areas in the Punjab and elsewhere in India which are above 500 metres?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Actually, in Hoshiarpur....

**Shri Inder J. Malhotra:** Gurdaspur.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** So far as I know, the areas are not higher than 5000 metres. They may be higher than 500 metres. But these seminars did consider about all areas. Simla itself is in Punjab and it has a higher altitude than 500 metres. So, that is covered. But in the scope of that In-accessible Areas Committee only Kulu Valley was included.

**श्री विभूति मिश्र :** इस शिमला सैमिनार में हिरी ऐरियाज के डेवलपमेंट के सम्बन्ध में कौन कौन सी मुख्य बातें सामने आई हैं जिनके लिए कि मंत्री जी ने कहा कि उनको तुरन्त करना चाहिए ?

**डा० राम सुभग सिंह :** मुख्य बात, जैसा कि पहले पूछा गया, एक हिल डेवलपमेंट बोर्ड की स्थापना की जाय। उस के बारे में प्रधान मंत्री जी, दूसरे मंत्रालयों और प्लानिंग कमिशन से बात आज शुरू की जायगी और राज्य सरकारों से भी परामर्श किया जायगा। उस के अलावा जो विस्तृत कार्यक्रम है वह soil conservation, communications, marketing, processing, technical personnel, tools and implements, irrigation in high altitude, arid and semi-arid zones, फ्रुट्स और वैजीटेब्ल्स के उत्पादन और ऐनिमल हस्बैंडरी के बारे में है।

#### Nutrition Education

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

(a) whether Government propose to start a mobile food and nutrition extension service for nutrition education and better utilization and preservation of food; and

(b) if so, the scope and working of the scheme?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shinde):** (a) The Government have already set up four Mobile Food and Nutrition Extension Units, one in each region i.e. Northern, Eastern, Western and Southern with headquarters at New Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras. The Unit at New Delhi was inaugurated on the 22nd March, 1963 and the other Units are also likely to start functioning in the near future.

(b) Briefly, the scope of the scheme is as follows:

- (i) the introduction and popularization of new, enriched and improved foods;
- (ii) the propagation of ideas concerning nutrition, balanced diets, etc., and the dissemination of information concerning nutritional deficiency diseases and the methods for their prevention;
- (iii) the propagation of new and improved techniques for the handling, cooking, processing and preservation of food-stuffs; and
- (iv) the collection of information relating to patterns of food-consumption.

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** May I know whether any books have also been published for the people who