

about Rs. 150 lakhs. The second is Rs. 40 lakhs. The third is pilot projects for utilising the rural manpower which will cost Rs. 44 lakhs. There are two more. One will cost Rs. 36 lakhs. This is in regard to organisation and maintenance of minor irrigation tanks. The fifth is the production of balanced food for cattle and pigs, which will cost Rs. 40 lakhs. The sixth is the provision of food for the improvement of poultry production. This will cost Rs. 75 lakhs.

Shrimati Yashoda Reddy: Recently we celebrated Eradication of hunger under the F. A. O. that was the contribution we were able to collect under this?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: There was a proposal to collect some contribution. I suggested that our country is having an emergency and people are making voluntary contributions to that fund and so it would not be possible for us to launch another collection programme. So, we did not undertake this collection work. But, we have requested the Communications Ministry to issue a postal stamp and something will be contributed.

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*587. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
 { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
 { **Shri P. K. Deo:**
 { **Shri Yashpal Singh:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Executive Director of World Food Programme of U. N. visited India to discuss food aid programme to India;

(b) if so, when and what kind of aid programme was discussed with him; and

(c) when the aid programme will be implemented?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) He visited India from the 26th to 28th February, 1963 and had general discussions on the schemes submitted by the Government of India for assistance from the Programme.

(c) The schemes are being reviewed in accordance with these discussions and revised schemes will be submitted shortly. They will be implemented as soon as they are approved by the World Food Programme.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether it has also been discussed to set up some pilot projects in some of the areas for intensive development?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Yes, as I said in reply to the last question, this point was also discussed, and it is included in the details of our programme.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether this point also has been discussed namely that in view of the setting up of some pilot projects in India for intensive development, there should be a programme for giving training to Indian agriculturists in some of the advanced agricultural countries?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: That is not going to be covered by this.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the Executive Director was invited or he came on his own?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: On behalf of the FAO he had undertaken a tour of several countries which included India.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि हिन्दुस्तान में कितना फूड ग्रैन इस तरीके से आ सकेगा, और उस के लिए हमें कितना फारिन एक्सचेंज सफर करना पड़ेगा?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : असल में इसमें अनाज की बात नहीं है। जैसाकि मैंने बताया, ८८ मिलियन डालर अब तक उन को प्लेज के रूप में मिला है विभिन्न देशों से, और

उसी से अलग अलग देशों में कुछ उत्पादन की योजनाएं चालू की जायेंगी, और उन में जिन योजनाओं की चर्चा में ने पहले की थी उन का सुझाव हम लोगों ने दिया है।

Shri P. Venkatasubbalah: The hon. Minister has just now listed some of the projects which will be implemented as part of the World Food Programme. May I know whether sufficient care will be taken to locate these projects in places which are subjected to famines?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Actually, when it is approved, it shall be our endeavour to locate these projects at suitable centres in various parts of our country.

Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: The Executive Director of the World Food Programme had declared that about 50 per cent of the population of the world was under-nourished, and about 15 per cent went without a full meal every day. May I know the percentages for India in respect of these two categories?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Actually, we can also grow more and increase our production by 50 per cent, if we labour hard on our fields, because even in that part of the country from which my hon. friend comes, we can plant something virtually everywhere.

Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: That was not my question. My question was how those percentages applied to our country.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: As regards the percentages, here also we are having malnutrition to a large extent, and so, they reflect our country also.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know the criteria for selection of the places where these projects will be located, and whether these will be Centrally administered or whether the States will take care of them?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Actually, all the programmes that are launched

by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture are looked after by the State Governments and the Union Territory Administrations. But, so far, we have not clearly taken a decision in regard to the location because these things will have to be gone into more carefully, and after they are approved, they will be decided upon.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Inder J. Malhotra.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: What would be the criteria?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: We have not yet laid down the criteria. For instance, regarding poultry farming. . .

Mr. Speaker: I have called Shri Inder J. Malhotra.

Shri Inder J. Malhotra: The hon. Minister has stated in the course of his reply that this programme is in an experimental stage. May I know whether it is in an experimental stage in India only or it is in experimental stage all over the world?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: The World Food Congress is going to meet in June for the first time and they are going to form their organisation on a solid and sound basis and properly also. So, this is a new thing. The Executive Director came only in February, and all decisions need not be expected to be taken so soon.

श्री भागवत झा राजावत : इस नए कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत भारत सरकार द्वारा दी गयी योजनाओं के अन्दर की राशि क्या है, और क्या इस कार्यक्रम के अन्दर कोई सीमा शासन पर होगी ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : जैसाकि मैं ने पहले प्रश्न संख्या ५८६ के उत्तर में बताया था, ५ लाख डालर भारत की ओर से देने की बात है, इस में दो तिहाई सामान के रूप में होगा और बकाया कश में दिया जायेगा। सामान में वह चीनी वगैरह भी शामिल है जो कि ईरान को दी गयी है। जो चीजें अब तक दी गयी हैं उन का मूल्य ५,१२,७४६ रुपये है।

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Has any proposal been made by Government that all such food aid should be channelled through the UN and not through individual countries?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: As I said in the beginning, this is a programme of the UN, of FAO.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Otherwise also.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: So there is no question of its being channelled through individual countries. It will have to be routed through UN.

Partial Payment of Workers' Wages in Food

*588. { **Shri Maheswar Naik:**
 { **Shri P. K. Deo:**
 { **Shri Yashpal Singh:**
 { **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in implementation of a scheme under the World Food Programme of the Food and Agriculture Organization pilot projects are proposed to be started in India where workers of the development projects will be paid their wages partially in food; and

(b) whether the scheme has been tried in any of the projects and reaction of the workers assessed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) India has submitted two schemes to the World Food Programme which envisage payment of wages partially in food. They will be implemented if approved by the Programme authorities.

(b) A scheme for desilting of tanks which provides for payment of wages partly in food is currently being implemented by the Government of West Bengal. According to the report received from Government of

Bengal, the scheme has been making a steady progress and the workers have not been averse to receiving part of their wages in kind.

Shri Maheswar Naik: The proposal is to give provisions for kitchen arrangements in different projects. May I know whether the financial implications have been examined so far as these things are concerned?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Whatever the wage is, this programme simply concerns giving a part of that wage in kind, and that is being done. These are rural projects. The workers who are engaged in implementing these projects are not averse to taking it in kind. So no difficulty has arisen, and we have not gone into it in that way.

Shri Maheswar Naik: On which commutation is partial wage likely to be paid in kind?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Workers who work in a project usually require grains for their daily consumption, wheat, rice, dal etc. To that extent, provision has been made to meet their requirements.

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डा० राम सुभग सिंह : असल में जो काम करते हैं वे दोनों चाहते हैं। वे यह भी चाहते हैं कि उन को अनाज भी इस्तेमाल करने के लिए मिले और अन्य कामों के लिए उन्हें कुछ पैसा भी मिले ? इसलिए पूरी वेजेज हम उन्हें अनाज में लेने के लिये अग्रम मजबूर करें तो इस में किसी का लाभ नहीं होगा। इसलिए दोनों का हिसाब लगा कर जितना-जितना चाहते हैं उतना दे दिया जाता है।

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Have Government examined how far the introduction of this system will have its impact on the rate of wages that obtains in the particular region?