

visitation resulting in loss of life and property?

**Mr. Speaker:** The flood came at the end.

**Shri Hem Barua:** Floods come annually to Assam and we are doomed.

**Dr. K. L. Rao:** It is the earnest intention of the Government to concert measures specially in the Assam Valley to control the damage of floods of Brahmaputra and Barak rivers; but there are certain difficulties. The most difficult river to control is the Brahmaputra. Actually, a solution for the control of that river is not in sight. Regarding the Barak, we have fairly been able to concert measures for taking up a control reservoir on the river, but the cost has been estimated very excessive and it is, therefore, that we are trying to investigate alternative sites to find out whether we can achieve a cheaper project.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** On a point of order, Sir. The Minister has rather clumsily evaded the question which was that despite innumerable, countless delegations that have gone abroad, to Russia, America, China and so many other countries—I do not remember which else—what have they done? Have they learnt anything or only wasted our money? That is the crux of the question.

**Mr. Speaker:** How does it come as a point of order?

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** The Minister must answer fully. There is a rule about that.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Member should have asked for an answer.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** It was evasive.

**Dr. K. L. Rao:** The delegations which have gone abroad in connection with various engineering studies have brought very valuable information which we are applying in the conceiving and drawing up of various flood

control projects for the various rivers of India. As I submitted already, Brahmaputra is one of the most difficult rivers. We have also consulted some foreign engineers. We have not been able to solve the problem of Brahmaputra. I want to be very clear and quite specific on the subject. Brahmaputra control is a very difficult project. Whatever we are trying to do, we are doing as best as can be done and I must say—I am glad—that this year the steps that have been taken, say, for example, the embankment at Nowgong, have done immense good. Nowgong is completely free of floods. There is also the erosion problem. The erosion problem is one of the most difficult problem that any river poses for us. We are trying to do our best at the moment.

**Non-Plan Expenditure**

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Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to cut down non-Plan expenditure; and

(b) whether any advice has been given to State Governments for reducing expenditure, and their reaction thereto?

**The Minister of Planning (Shri B. E. Bhagat):** (a) Yes, Sir. As the result of a review made recently, reduc-

tions totalling about Rs. 70 crores are envisaged in the figures of expenditure budgetted for 1964-65.

(b) An appeal had been made in this behalf at the Conference of Chief Ministers in June last. The scope for economy in expenditure in States is also being examined by the Planning Commission and they propose to address the State Governments on this subject shortly.

**श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धान्ती :** क्या सरकार यह बतलायेगी कि वह कोई ऐसे भी काम करती है जो योजनाबद्ध नहीं होते, और वह कौन से काम होते हैं जो सरकार योजनाबद्ध रूप से कर रही है।

**श्री ब० रा० भगत :** यह तो भ्रमण सवाल है।

**श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धान्ती :** भ्रमण सवाल नहीं है। गैर-योजनाबद्ध लिखा गया है। यह भ्रमण सवाल कैसे हो गया। इसका शीर्षक यही है।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** गैर-योजनाबद्ध से शायद उन्होंने नानप्लैन्ड एक्स्पेंडिचर का मतलब निकाला है। वे जानना चाहते हैं कि नानप्लैन्ड एक्स्पेंडिचर कौन कौन से हैं।

**श्री ब० रा० भगत :** नानप्लैन्ड एक्स्पेंडिचर शब्दों की परिभाषा तो अब साफ हो चुकी है। इस साल बहुत से ऐसे खर्च कमिटेड हैं, जैसे कोई स्कूल खोल दिया, यह अबकी तो प्लैन्ड खर्च में आता है लेकिन भ्रमण साल जब उस में टीचर्स रखे जायेंगे या मन्टेनेन्स किया जायेगा उस का खर्च नानप्लैन्ड एक्स्पेंडिचर हो जाता है। इसी तरह से और खर्च भी होते हैं। इस लिये नानप्लैन्ड करने का एक बंग हुमा करता है। आज जो बहुत से प्लैन्ड खर्च हैं भ्रमण साल वे ही नानप्लैन्ड खर्च हो जायेंगे।

**श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :** इस योजना में जो कटौती की गई है मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उससे प्रति वर्ष कितना बचाव बचेगा।

**श्री ब० रा० भगत :** अभी तो मैं ने कहा कि कोई 70 करोड़ बचाव बचेगा।

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** कई सालों से यह देखा जा रहा है कि भ्रमण भ्रमण राज्यों में जो मंत्रिमंडल हैं उन की तादाद बढ़ती जा रही है। क्या सरकार ने कभी खयाल किया है कि यह गैर-योजनाबद्ध है और उसे खत्म किया जाना चाहिये। भ्रमण किया है तो इस के लिये उसने क्या कदम उठाया है।

**श्री ब० रा० भगत :** हो सकता है कि यह गैर-योजनाबद्ध हो। लेकिन यह जरूरी है।

**Shri Daji:** Is it a fact that one of the items of the Rs. 70 crores is that the Government has decided not to continue with the Bill to provide for increased salaries and allowances to Members of Parliament?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** That is not an expenditure in the Budget yet.

**Shri Daji:** My question was whether the Government has included this item in the economy cut as one of the economy measures. I want a reply 'Yes' or 'No'.

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** That is yet a matter to be decided by this honourable House.

**Shri Raghunath Singh:** We have already decided it.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** It is pending in the other place.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** May I know if this non-Plan expenditure is gradually on the increase and what are the kinds of items included in this non-Plan expenditure?

**Mr. Speaker:** He has answered the latter part. The first part of the question also might be answered, namely whether it is constantly on the increase.

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** As I have said, when the development expenditure increases from year to year as a result of the planning process, there is inevitably a built-in increase in the non-Plan expenditure also . . .

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Which State is the greatest culprit in this regard?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** . . . but all effort is made to see that the non-Plan expenditure is cut down to the minimum. Even in the present case, where Rs. 70 crores of expenditure is proposed to be cut, the non-Plan items have received the strictest scrutiny.

**Dr. Sarojini Mahishi:** May I know the average non-Plan expenditure in the States during the year 1963-64, and other reaction of the States towards this appeal to cut it down?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** The Planning Commission is taking up this matter with the States.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Two months have passed since the Finance Minister made this statement that there would be a cut of Rs. 70 crores in the non-Plan expenditure of the Government of India. May I know how many specific proposals have been received from the various Ministries in the Ministry of Finance to indicate the cut, and how much is the amount involved?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** It is as a result of constant consultations with the departments concerned and with the special cell and the officers concerned that these economies have been proposed . . .

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** My question was different. Two months have passed since the hon. Finance Minister made that statement. May we have an indication of the specific proposals received? After four or

five months, the budget estimates for the expenditure will come up before the House. So, I would like to know how much expenditure has actually been curtailed by the various Ministries, and whether any indication is available in this regard with the Finance Ministry?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** This figure of Rs. 70 crores has been arrived at as a result of the efforts during the last two months.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad:** What part of this estimated cut of Rs. 70 crores is as a result of the order of the Ministry for an *ad hoc* cut and what part is due to a planned assessment to drop out the Parkinsonian increase in expenditure in the administration?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** I do not know what my hon. friend wants me to say.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad:** The question is a very simple one.

**Mr. Speaker:** He wants the hon. Minister to answer the question.

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** What I meant to say was that I could not follow the question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Then, he might request that the question might be repeated.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad:** Since the hon. Minister is now attentive, may I ask him whether this cut of Rs. 70 crores is as a result of the order of the Finance Minister for an *ad hoc* cut in the expenditure or whether it is a result of the planned assessment to drop out the extra expenditure in the administration as a result of the Parkinsonian law? It is a very simple thing, and I am sure the hon. Minister knows it.

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** Is it not an *ad hoc* cut, but it is as a result of the planned assessment, as the hon. Member himself has said, not only of the staff increase but of each developmental item and the dropping out of those items which may not be necessary immediately for the develop-

mental needs and which can be cut down, and which at the same time will not result in production going down. As I have said earlier, the non-Plan expenditure has received the strictest scrutiny.

**An Hon. Member:** What is the ratio?

**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** May I know whether Government have studied the question whether any curtailment on this score is likely to affect some essentially beneficial programmes, and if so, how Government propose to compensate for the national loss which will be a direct outcome of this decision?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** Efforts have been made to see that no expenditure will be cut which will affect essential schemes necessary for planned development.

**Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh:** What part of this cut relates to the heavy industries programme?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** I do not know. But I can say this that iron and steel and also mines and metals have received some cut. These two departments have received some cut.

**Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh:** 'Some cut' cannot be an answer to my specific question.

**Mr. Speaker:** He has not got the figures. Otherwise he would have given them.

**श्री श्रीकारलाल बैरवा :** मैं जानना चाहूंगा कि इस 70 करोड़ रुपये में से राज्य सरकारें कितना कम करेंगी और केन्द्रीय सरकार कितना कम करेगी ।

**श्री ब० रा० भगत :** कुल 70 करोड़ रुपये से ज्यादा की होगी, यह केन्द्रीय सरकार की बचत है ।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** राज्य सरकारों की बचत प्रसंग होगी, यह तो सिर्फ केन्द्रीय सरकार की बचत है ।

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** May I know whether this cut of Rs. 70 crores includes also any reduction in the expenses of Ministers regarding water supply, electricity and furniture?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** As regards Ministers, there has been a ceiling put already.

**Mr. Speaker:** Does this include that also?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** I am sorry I do not have that information.

**श्री सरजू पाण्डेय :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि पटेल आयोग की सिफारिशों के अनुसार जो रुपया केन्द्रीय सरकार उत्तर प्रदेश को देने वाली थी क्या उस में भी कटौती हुई है ?

**श्री ब० रा० भगत :** केन्द्र से जो राज्य सरकारों को सहायता मिलती है उस में कोई कटौती नहीं की गई है ।

**श्री क० ना० तिवारी :** मंत्री महोदय ने कहा कि कोई ऐसा कट नहीं किया जाएगा जिस से कि प्रोडक्शन पर असर पड़े । लेकिन दूसरे सवाल के जवाब में उन्होंने कहा कि स्टील और आयरन में कट किया गया है । क्या इस कट का असर प्रोडक्शन पर नहीं पड़ेगा ?

**श्री ब० रा० भगत :** आयरन और स्टील के उत्पादन में कोई कमी नहीं होगी ।

**Mr. Speaker:** Shri Tiwary.

**Shri D. N. Tiwary rose—**

**Mr. Speaker:** I called Shri K. N. Tiwary.

**Shri D. N. Tiwary: rose—**

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

**Shri D. N. Tiwary:** The two Tiwaris should not be considered as one.

**Mr. Speaker:** I had called only one.