

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: Question No. 108.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Question No. 115 may also be taken along with this.

An Hon. Member: 127 also.

Mr. Speaker: If the Minister thinks both can be taken together, it can be done.

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): Question Nos. 108, 110, 115, 127 and 129 are all more or less the same. What is the question that the Chair directs me to take?

Mr. Speaker: It was desired that Question Nos. 115 and 127 may be taken together. If it is convenient for the Minister to answer them along with this, he may do it. Otherwise not.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Yes, Sir.

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 Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
 Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
 Shri Kajrolkar:
 Shrimati Renuka Ray:
 Shri Y. S. Chaudhary:
 Shri Umanath:
 Shri P. Kunhan:
 Shri Ram Sewak:
 Shri J. B. S. Bist:
 Shri Hem Raj:
 Shri R. Barua:
 Shri R. S. Pandey:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
 Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
 Shri D. D. Mantri:
 Dr. Mahadev Prasad:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken on the size of the Fourth Five

Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Development Council at its meeting held on 27-28 October, 1964 generally decided in favour of the Fourth Plan outlay ranging between Rs. 21,500 and Rs. 22,500 crores. Out of this, the investment in the private sector is estimated to be Rs. 7000 crores, leaving the outlay in the public sector to be between Rs. 14,500 and Rs. 15,500 crores. The range of Rs. 1000 crores in public sector outlay will be operative during the second half of the Plan only if the country's economy improves sufficiently to permit mobilisation of additional resources.

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 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:
 Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:
 Shri Warior:
 Shri Daji:
 Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
 Shri Daljit Singh:
 Shri Vishram Prasad:
 Shri Bagri:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri K. N. Tiwary:
 Shri R. G. Dubey:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri Oza:
 Shri H. C. Soy:
 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
 Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
 Shri Hem Raj:
 Shri Ram Sewak:
 Shri P. G. Sen:
 Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
 Shri Hukam Chand Kaohhavalaya:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken by Government on the basic strategy for the Fourth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the nature of the decision taken?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). The objectives and strategy for the Fourth Plan derive from the need for generating a rapid increase in the national product, without impairing social stability. The Fourth Plan aims at (i) achieving a rate of growth of not less than 5 per cent per annum in agriculture and an overall rate of growth around 6½ per cent; (ii) ensuring the availability of the necessary inputs for agriculture; (iii) enlarging the supply of essential consumer goods; (iv) providing for continued growth in metals, chemicals, machine-building, mining, electric power and transport; (v) raising productivity through the development of human resources and (vi) generating larger employment opportunities.

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Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar:

Shri Yashpal Singh:

Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

Shri P. C. Borooah:

Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

Shri D. C. Sharma:

Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:

Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:

Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:

Shri Vishram Prasad:

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Shri Sham Lal Saraf:

Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

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Shri Daljit Singh:

Shri R. G. Dubey:

Shri Oza:

Shri H. C. Soy:

Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Shri Bishwanath Roy:

Shri H. N. Mukerjee:

Shri Hem Raj:

Shri P. G. Sen:

Shri Ram Sewak:

Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:

Shri Ravindra Varma:

Shri Y. S. Choudhary:

Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:

Will the Minister of Planning be

pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Development Council met in the Capital towards the end of October last;

(b) if so, the main subjects discussed thereat and the decisions taken; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to strengthen and streamline the administrative machinery to ensure the smooth implementation of the Plan?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) The National Development Council met in New Delhi on October 27-28, 1964.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3406/64].

(c) A systematic review of the planning and administrative machinery at all levels is being undertaken.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: Is it a fact that apart from giving the size and the resources of the fourth Plan, the Planning Commission has made certain basic recommendations, namely, need for overhaul of administrative machinery for the proper implementation of the Plan projects, (ii) new units in the consumer industries like cement and sugar should be in the public sector only; and (iii) urban land should be nationalised? If so, may we know if the Government of India has taken any definite decisions in regard to these three basic issues?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I do not think the Planning Commission has made any such recommendation.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: In view of our failures in the past in giving proper publicity to the Plans may we know what new steps the Government propose to take to make the fourth Plan more known to the public, particularly in the rural sector, in order to make every