

श्री राज बहादुर : जैसा कि माननीय सदस्य को इस विवरण को पढ़ने से विदित होगा, इस में पुल में बाकी रह गए हैं और जैसे जैसे पुल बन कर तैयार होते जायेंगे, वैसे वैसे सारी सड़क मुकम्मल होती जायगी। वैसे इस वक्त भी वहाँ पर ग्रामदो-रफ्त जारी है।

श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी को मालूम है कि दो खंडों के बीच में कुछ जगह छोड़ी गई है, जिस की वजह से ग्रामदो-रफ्त में दिक्कत हो रही है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : दिक्कत जरूर है, लेकिन पुल तो पुल की तरह हो बनेगा। मैं समझता हूँ कि जो थोड़ी जगह रह गई है, वह एपरोचिज के लिए है।

Fishing Industry

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 Shri Warior:
 Shri Vasudevan Nair:
 Shri Indrajit Gupta:
 Shri Liladhar Kotoki:

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

(a) whether it has been decided to purchase marine engines from Japan or any other country to accelerate mechanisation of fishing industry in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how these engines will be distributed;

(d) whether any mechanised fishing boats are in use already; and

(e) if so, how far they have helped to increase the volume of fish hauls?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) to (c). It is proposed to import about 250-300 marine diesel engines from Japan to meet the urgent requirements of the various States for implementing the programme of mechanisation of fishing craft. An

amount of Rs. 30 lakhs has been allocated for the purpose under the Yen Credit Schema. The import will take place through the State Trading Corporation, who has not yet finalized the deal with the Japanese Suppliers. The exact distribution of these engines has also not yet been settled. This also will be settled by the State Trading Corporation, in consultation with the State Fisheries Departments.

(d) Yes.

(e) Catches from the mechanised boats are about 3 to 4 times more than catches by ordinary boats.

Shri Warior: When these engines are distributed, what will be the price charged on each?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The price will depend upon the horse power. It will vary from Rs. 7,000 to Rs. 20,000.

Shri Warior: When these engines come to India will those States which have the fishing industry more than some other States be given prior consideration?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The requirements of various States have been ascertained. I understand the purport of the hon. Member's question. Of course, Kerala will also receive due recognition.

Shri Vasudevan Nair: May I know whether Government have exhausted all the possibilities of getting help from Norway as there is the Indo-Norwegian project in operation in certain parts of the country in this field?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Under that scheme also, mechanised boats are being imported.

Shri P. Kunhan: May I know how many engines have been supplied to the Kerala State?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Altogether, there are 1,800 mechanised boats functioning. I cannot give the break-up now. I think in the case of Kerala it comes to 190.

Mr. Speaker: Question No. 59.

Shri Jaipal Singh: May I suggest that question No. 69 also be taken up with it?

An Hon. Member: They are different.

Mr. Speaker: It will be answered separately.

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*59. **Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken a review of the Damodar Valley Corporation construction to enable it to serve West Bengal and Bihar more efficiently and usefully than at present, as recommended by the Sachdev Committee;

(b) if so, what ways and means have been thrashed out for the purpose; and

(c) what action has been taken to give a practical shape to these measures?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim): (a) to (c). The matter is under consideration of Government.

Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: May I know whether there is a proposal to establish a thermal station at Pachratu in Bihar to ensure better supply of power to that State? If so, are we negotiating with any country to get the equipment for the plant? If the answer is in the affirmative, what is the name of the country and how far the negotiations have progressed?

Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim: There is a proposal, but about the particular place the hon. Member mentioned, I do not remember at this moment. I will tell her afterwards.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member might address the Chair.

Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: My question is whether there is any proposal to establish a thermal station at a place called Pathratu to ensure better supply of power to Bihar? If

so, are we negotiating with any foreign country to get the equipment for the plant? If we are, what is the name of the country and what is the stage at which the negotiations stand?

Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim: I rather admit my fault that at present I forget the name of the place. So I cannot confirm it. That was why I said that I would tell her afterwards.

Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri: May I know whether certain recommendations of the Sachdev Committee to set up thermal power stations in West Bengal have been negated by the Planning Commission?

Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim: I want notice of that.

Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: Since this Damodar Valley Corporation is the joint responsibility of the Central Government and West Bengal and Bihar, what steps are being taken by the Government to associate these States? Are we having a joint meeting or some consultation, and how far have we progressed in that?

Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim: Government are considering the reorganisation of the whole thing—the DVC and the body which is governing it at present. The whole thing is going to be considered.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Price of Ghee

*49. **Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for increasing the price of ghee by the Delhi Milk Supply Scheme;

(b) whether there is any likelihood of its coming down again after the summer; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the price of milk also?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) The price