

Shri Viswanatha Reddy: May I know whether all the States have refused to participate in this programme or only a few States have refused?

Shri Karmarkar: I am afraid most of them.

Shri B. S. Murthy: What are the main reasons for the States not co-operating with the scheme of the Centre?

Shri Karmarkar: I should not like to divine their minds, but possibly one of the reasons is that it partly takes away their patronage, because a certain proportion of posts in the States will have to be filled by those in the Central Service; whereas a collateral advantage to the State will be—take the post of Director-General, it will continue to be only open to those in the Central Service and not open to any competent man in the State, which it would otherwise be if the States offer to co-operate in the matter. It helps them very much, I should say.

Co-operative Farming

*934. { **Shri Shree Narayan Das:**
Shri Radha Raman:
Shri Balarama Krishnaiah:
Shri Thimmaiah:

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

(a) the extent to which various State Governments have accepted the policy regarding introduction of co-operative farming framed by the Planning Commission; and

(b) the steps taken by them to give effect to this policy?

The Minister of Co-operation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 120.]

Shri Shree Narayan Das: From the statement it appears that certain decisions were taken by the Standing Committee of the National Development Council. I would like to know whether the State Governments have

decided to implement those resolutions at an early date and, if so, whether any progress report in this respect has been received by the Centre?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The decision was taken as late as 14th and 15th September. The recommendations have been sent to the State Governments. Since it was a decision by the National Development Standing Committee, I am sure the matters would be implemented. But we have not received any reports so far.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: In order that the various State Governments may be in a position to implement the decisions, are any incentives going to be provided by the Central Government; if so, what is the nature of those incentives?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No fresh incentives in addition to what have been provided in the Second Five Year Plan are contemplated for the present.

Shri Dasappa: Pending the establishment of these 800 co-operative farming societies, why is it that the Government have not undertaken the service co-operatives all over India?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is not for Government to undertake; as a matter of fact, service co-operatives are being progressively resorted to in the whole of India. This is a plan of co-operative farming for which there is a definite target, a definite scheme that we are trying to implement.

Shri Thimmaiah: The Planning Commission propose to bring the small holdings under co-operative farming. May I know how far the farmers are co-operating with the scheme?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: There is no intention, I told my friend once before, or forcing any small holders to come. We are trying to preach to them that it is beneficial for small holders to come into the co-operative farming, thus getting more advantage than they could get individually.

Shri Goray: What is the all-India target?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: 3,000 co-operative farming experiments in the course of the next three years, that is by the end of the Plan period.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: May I know whether is it a fact that joint farming societies are not successful at many places and, if so, what is the reason?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: There are places where they have not worked very satisfactorily; on the other hand there are places where they are working very satisfactorily.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: May I know the reason why the results are not satisfactory.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know in which States co-operative farming has made comparatively satisfactory progress?

Shri Ranga: In none of them.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is rather difficult to compare. There are quite a few experiments in U.P. as well as Bombay, and some of them are successful.

Shri Viswanath Reddy: May I know whether the scheme drawn up by the Planning Commission is intended to be a directive to the State Governments or it is only a model scheme left to the option of the State Governments to implement or not?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: There is no directive. This was an agreed decision by all the Chief Ministers of States, and therefore the State Governments are committed to this programme.

Shri Basappa: May I know whether any co-operative farms have been formed on the Bhoodan lines?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The intention is to utilise Bhoodan and Gramdan for this purpose wherever possible, by mutual agreement.

Ferry Service between Buxar and Ballia

*986. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to launch an experimental ferry service between Buxar (Bihar) and Ballia (U.P.) by the Ganga-Brahmaputra Inland Water Transport Board as recommended by the E.C.A.F.E.;

(b) if so, the chief features of that proposal; and

(c) the strength of the fleet that will operate there?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 121.]

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Are Government aware that the Joint Steamer Company have decided to close down their steamer services plying in Bihar with effect from 31st December, 1957?

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri: That is our information.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: In view of the fact that the plying of steamer service in Bihar is going to be closed down from 31st December, may I know what effect this will create in that area, between Buxar and Ballia?

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri: It will obviously create difficulties in that area, no doubt. I am not quite sure, but a meeting is being held at Patna, and perhaps it may be held within a day or two. The matter is under the consideration of the State Government as well as our Government. Only day before yesterday I made an appeal to the industrialists and others who are interested in this kind of transport to take interest in it and operate a service between Patna, Buxar and Ballia etc. I have some hope that some party or the