

Shrimati Manjula Devi: May I know whether the Government are aware that in some of the States, the gram sevaks of those areas are idle without any work and without absolutely any contact with the masses and whether Government are taking any steps in the matter?

Shri S. K. Dey: I am not aware of any such cases. If the hon. Member would very kindly let me know instances that have come to her notice, I will certainly take appropriate action.

हिमाचल प्रदेश में खाद्यान्न की कमी

*१६३. श्री पद्म देव : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि फसल न होने के कारण हिमाचल प्रदेश में खाद्यान्न की भारी कमी हो गई है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार का वहां अनाज की मस्ती दुकानों को खोलने की व्यवस्था करने का विचार है ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि उपायमंत्र (श्री अ० म० यामस) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) मरने अनाज की दुकानें, उप-भोक्ता लोगों में खाद्यान्न वितरण करने के लिये, इस क्षेत्र में पहले से ही चालू हैं ।

श्री पद्म देव : क्या मंत्री महोदय को मालूम है कि हिमाचल में कुछ ऐसे इलाके भी हैं जहां आज दस साल की आजादी के पश्चात् भी लोग अनाज के साथ घास मिला कर खाते हैं और अपना गुजारा करते हैं ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री अ० प्र० जैन) : हम को ऐसी किसी बात का पता नहीं है, आनरेबल मंत्री को पता होगा ।

श्री पद्म देव : मैं आप को बतलाना चाहता हूँ कि हिमाचल में पांगी नामक एक स्थान है जहां लोग गेहूँ के आटे के साथ या दूसरे आटे के साथ गेहूँ का भूसा या जी का भूसा और पाशाणभेद बूटी के पत्ते मिला कर खाते हैं । मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि सरकार ऐसे इलाकों के लिये क्या कुछ करने जा रही है ?

श्री अ० प्र० जैन : हम को तो इस बात का पता नहीं है ।

Mr. Speaker: If the position is so bad as that, hon. Members may bring it to the notice of their own Government and this Government also. Straightaway this Government has no jurisdiction in this matter. They can only assist the local Government.

श्री पद्म देव : इसी प्रश्न के सम्बन्ध में मैं एक और प्रश्न करना चाहता हूँ ।

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member is going on arguing in this matter with respect to which the hon. Minister has no knowledge.

श्री पद्म देव : क्या मांगतीय मंत्री जी को यह ज्ञात है कि हिमाचल में बहुत सारे इलाके ऐसे हैं जहां पर ६० रुपया मन चावल और ४० रुपया मन गेहूँ मिल रहा है और ऐसा होने पर भी लोगों को मुश्किलता का सामना करना पड़ता है ?

श्री अ० प्र० जैन : आनरेबल मंत्री वहां पर मिनिस्टर रह चुके हैं । उस वक्त तो उन्होंने ने हमें कोई ऐसी खबर नहीं दी ।

श्री पद्म देव : मैं बतलाना चाहता हूँ कि कई बार दो गई है और कई बार कहा भी गया है ।

Shri Y. S. Parmar rose—

Mr. Speaker: We will hear the Chief Minister now.

Shri Y. S. Parmar: May I now whether it is a fact that 600 maunds of

maize which was to reach Chini is lying damaged at Budha Temple, Rampur, and if so, will Government take steps to fix the responsibility on the officer responsible for the wastage?

Shri A. P. Jain: Distribution is done by the State Government there and we are not aware of it. I will, of course, make an enquiry and see whether anything has gone wrong.

Shri Y. S. Parmar: May I know whether the responsibility is that of the Centre or the State Government really for Himachal Pradesh is no longer a state but a territory only.

Shri A. P. Jain: It is really that of the local administration.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member knows it fully well.

Survey of Electric Power in Mysore

*194. **Shri Mohamed Imam:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Water and Power Commission made a survey and an independent assessment of the need of Electric Power in the State of Mysore by the end of 1960-61;

(b) if so, what is the total quantity of power needed; and

(c) what are the schemes sanctioned to meet the shortage of power?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total anticipated power demand by 1960-61 in the reorganised Mysore State may be 300,300 KW.

(c) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 81].

Shri Mohamed Imam: In view of the survey which has been made by

the Central Water and Power Commission which discloses that there will be a shortage of power to the extent of 150,000 KW., is it not desirable that the Government expedite the construction of the Sharavathy project and keep everything ready to complete at least the first stage of the project by 1960-61? Otherwise, the entire State will be in great trouble.

Shri S. K. Patil: I do not agree with the hon. Member that the shortfall will be so great as that. But even then, in every State, there is power shortage. It all depends upon the availability of funds.

Shri Mohamed Imam: Will arrangements be made to import the necessary machinery for the Sharavathy valley project? This is the only hope for the State of Mysore.

Shri S. K. Patil: Even import of machinery requires funds.

Shri Mohamed Imam: Are the funds made available so that at least the first stage of this project will be completed to relieve the shortage of power?

Shri S. K. Patil: So far as the first stage is concerned, to the extent of 178,000 KW. arrangement has been made. Of course, the foreign exchange difficulty is everywhere. To the extent to which it is possible for us to get over it, those things will be expedited.

Shri Mohamed Imam: Will the foreign exchange difficulty be got over...

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member cannot monopolise. I have called Shri Basappa.

Shri Basappa: Honne Maradu or Sharavathy valley project is one of those vital projects wherein already expenditure has been incurred sufficiently and also generation of electricity is much cheaper comparatively. It will benefit many States in South including Andhra. I say including Andhra, because the ratio of power in