

Shri Karmarkar: As I said, parts of Delhi suffer from want of adequate water supply. The only good solution for that is the long-range solution. We hope that that arrangement would be complete by the middle of next year. Till then the arrangements are bound to be unsatisfactory in some places, partially satisfactory in some places and fully satisfactory in some other places.

Water Supply to Agartala

*2090. **Shri Bangshi Thakur:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 61 on the 12th November, 1957 and state the progress made in regard to the Agartala Water Supply scheme and when it will be completed?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): The original Scheme pertaining to Agartala Water Supply costing Rs. 17 lakhs for which administrative approval was accorded in March, 1957, has recently been completely revised by the Tripura Administration. The revised preliminary estimates costing Rs. 40.0 lakhs approximately were forwarded by Tripura Administration to the Government of India on 24th February, 1958. These were scrutinised by the Additional Chief Engineer, C.P.W.D. and further necessary particulars have been called for from the Tripura Administration which are awaited.

Shri Bangshi Thakur: On a careful examination of the drinking water in Agartala town by the experts of Calcutta, germs of typhoid, chronic dysentery and cholera were found in it. So, the Government of India sanctioned and allotted Rs. 17 lakhs for the drinking water supply of Agartala long long ago, not in the year 1957 but in the year 1958. May I know why there has been delay in the execution of the work and also when it is expected to be started and completed?

Shri Karmarkar: I am afraid these points were replied to by me earlier. The Rs. 17 lakhs scheme was there

but it was radically revised and came to Rs. 40,50,00. The revised preliminary estimates costing Rs. 40 lakhs were forwarded to Tripura Administration for their concurrence by the Additional Chief Engineer, C.P.W.D. Additional particulars have been called for from Tripura and these are the reasons for the delay.

Shri Bangshi Thakur: May I know if the work will be started and completed this year?

Mr. Speaker: Is there a chance of its being completed this year?

Shri Karmarkar: That is more than I can say; unless the details come in and are examined, I am not in a position to say that. But, we shall try to expedite the matter.

Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya: What I wanted has been answered already. I wanted to know when it is going to be started.

Mr. Speaker: Yes; next question.

केन्द्रीय कृषि कालेज, दिल्ली

*२०६१ { श्री भक्त दर्शन :
श्री डी० च० शर्मा :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्रीय कृषि कालेज, दिल्ली के बन्द हो जाने से कितने ग्रध्यापक तथा अन्य कर्मचारी बेकार हो जायेंगे ; और

(ख) जो ग्रध्यापक तथा अन्य कर्मचारी बेकार हो जायेंगे उन्हें उपयुक्त काम दिलाने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

सहकारी मंत्री (डा० प० शा० बेशमुख):

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(ख) इन ३६ कर्मचारियों में से २१ की तो भारतीय कृषि अनुसन्धान संस्था में उपयुक्त पदों पर लगाये जाने की उम्मीद है और पांच की अपने पुराने दफ्तरों को वापिस जाने की प्राशा है। बाकी प्रभावित कर्मचारियों

के काम, उनकी योग्यता और अनुभव के बारे के संबंध, उपयुक्त समान पद दिलाने के विचार से धनेकों मन्त्रालय और उनसे सम्बन्धित व अधीनस्थ दफ्तरों को भेजे जा रहे हैं।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : श्रीमन्, क्या माननीय मंत्री जी यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि यह कृषि विद्यालय जब कि दस वर्षों से बहुत अच्छी तरह और सफलतापूर्वक चल रहा था तो उसे बंद करने की क्या जरूरत पड़ी ?

डा० पं० शा० बेशमुख : इसके बारे में जो सब की एक राय हो गई थी कि इसे बंद कर दिया जाये। ऐस्टिमेट्स कमेटी की और युनिवर्सिटी ग्रांट्स कमिशन की दोनों की यही राय थी। इसके बारे में काफी विचार हुआ था और शुरू से ही सब लोग इसके चलाने के खिलाफ थे। साथ ही साथ सन् १९५० से दस नये एग्रीकल्चरल कालिजेज हिन्दुस्तान में बने हुए हैं। और इसलिए इग की आवश्यकता बिलकुल नहीं रही।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : माननीय मंत्री जी ने अभी बताया कि कुछ कर्मचारियों को तो निश्चित तौर से स्थान दिया जा रहा है लेकिन कुछ के बारे में लिखा पढ़ी हो रही है, तो क्या गवर्नमेंट यह अपना कर्तव्य नहीं समझती है कि पिछले दस वर्षों से जिन लोगों की सेवाओं का उपयोग किया जा रहा है उनको स्थायी और निश्चित रूप से काम पर लगाया जाये और उनको नीकरी दिलाई जाये ?

डा० पं० शा० बेशमुख : गवर्नमेंट ऐसा करना अपना कर्तव्य समझती है और मैंने अपने जवाब में बतलाया है कि बाकी प्रभावित कर्मचारियों के नाम और उनकी क्वालिफिकेशंस व अनुभव के बारे के साथ धनेकों मंत्रालयों से लिखा पढ़ी हो रही है और यह कोशिश की जा रही है, कि उनको कुछ न कुछ अल्टरनेटिव एम्प्लायमेंट मिले।

Shri Bose: May I know how many of these 36 who will be discharged are teachers and how many other staff?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am sorry I have not got the break-up.

Food Situation in Tripura

*2092. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of rice has gone up to Rs 32/33 per maund in Kamalasangar (Tripura);

(b) how many fair price shops have been opened in that area;

(c) the number of ration cards issued to the people of that area, excluding D.Ps. colonies;

(d) what steps are being taken to bring down the price of rice in that particular area; and

(e) the food position of Tripura?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) No; Sir. The current price of rice at Kamalasangar is reported to be about Rs. 30 per maund.

(b) to (d). A fair price shop is being opened at a suitable place in Kamalasangar area and family ration cards will be issued to all eligible families. The fair price shop will distribute wheat and rice at fixed prices.

(e) The overall food situation in Tripura is not unsatisfactory.

Shri Dasaratha Deb: May I know whether the Government are aware that more than 800 persons have already applied for ration cards in the month of March and they have not yet received any card? May I also know whether the Government will make an enquiry into this matter to find out what are the reasons?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Kamalasangar is situated in the border area. I have already stated that a fair price shop is being opened. And, when that is opened the ration cards will be issued to persons of the locality. The whole of Tripura territory is covered by as many as 55 ration shops and rice is being distributed at the rate of Rs. 18 per md.