

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is true that the total demand for loans comes to about Rs. 700 crores. The Second Five Year Plan expects to fulfil about 25 per cent of the needs of the cultivators by the end of the Plan.

Shri Prabhat Kar: In view of the statement by the Prime Minister, may I know whether the implementation of the recommendations of the All India Rural Credit Survey Committee will be stayed for the time being?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is difficult for me to make any statement on the point just now mentioned.

Shri Prabhat Kar: The hon. Minister has stated that the matter will be considered. That is why I want to know whether, in the meantime, implementation will be stayed.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: That is why I have stated that it is not possible for me to say whether implementation will be stayed. It is unlikely that it will be stayed although there is a possibility of examination. I do not want to commit myself to the position that it will be necessary.

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: May I know the steps that Government are taking to increase the credit facilities in the co-operative sector?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The whole Second Plan provides for emphasis on co-operative development.

Shri Mahanty: In view of the statement by the Prime Minister that he regrets that the Rural Credit Survey Committee report has been accepted, may we know whether the Government has changed its attitude towards the recommendations of the Rural Credit Survey Committee in the mean time and if it is going to be abandoned?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I think the hon. Member is reading a little too much in the Prime Minister's statement. His emphasis, according to our reading so far, was more on officialisation of the movement, and not so much on the Credit Survey Report as such.

Shri Chandra Shankar: May I know whether after studying the reports of the States Governments the scheme has been a success, if so, what are successful districts.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The conclusions we reached were based on the results of pilot schemes. The whole scheme is being implemented.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know the number of pilot schemes that were in operation in Orissa and the amount of loans that have been advanced to the State?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have not got the details with respect to each one of the States. I have not got that information.

Mr. Speaker: The amount of loan so far sanctioned....

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am afraid, have not got it.

Sea Island Cotton

*1635. **Shri Heda:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state to what extent Andrews variety of sea island cotton will meet our needs of 1-1-16" to 1-3-16" staple length?

The Minister of Co-operation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): If the targetted production of 2.25 lakh bales of Sea-Island 'Andrews' Cotton is achieved by 1960-61, it will meet our needs for extra long staple cottons and also to some extent the demands for cottons possessing staple of 1-3|16" and below.

Shri Heda: May I know the areas that are selected for the development of this variety of cotton?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It would be confined to Kerala, Mysore and Assam.

Shri Heda: May I know whether the former Marathwada of the present Bombay State is not suitable for the growth of this variety of cotton?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No, Sir. This is a special variety which can be grown only in specified areas.

Shri Narayanankutty Memon: After having experimental farming in Kerala State, may I know whether the Government propose to have it on a large scale in the Kerala State from this year?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It has been progressively extended in each area. We are deficient in seeds. We are not having as much seeds as we require. As and when we get it, it will be extended.

Shri P. K. Deo: May I know whether this scheme will be extended to Orissa?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No suitable area has been located in Orissa so far.

Small Irrigation Schemes in Madras

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*1636. { Shri Elayaperumal:
 Shri Kanakasabai:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madras have recommended the small irrigation schemes of Manimuktha Nadhi and the Gunukhi Nadhi Reservoir schemes in South Arcot District, Madras State which do not need any foreign exchange requirements for inclusion in the first year of the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) The Manimuktha Nadhi and Gomukhi Nadhi reservoir schemes were recommended by the Madras Government for inclusion in the Second Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c). These schemes have not been included in the Second Five Year Plan by the Planning Commission as the funds were limited and the Schemes were highly unproductive.

Shri Kanakasabai: May I know the names of the small irrigation schemes which were recommended by the Madras Government?

Shri Hathi: The Madras Government recommended about 20 schemes. Out of this, 7 were in the First Plan; 6 are new schemes. The new schemes are: New Kattalai Canal Scheme, Pullambadi Canal Scheme, Vidur project, Parambikulam project, Neyyar (Second Stage) and medium irrigation schemes in Kanyakumari district.

Shri Thirumala Rao: The hon. Minister has stated that these two schemes were not taken up because they were unproductive. May I know what the definition of the word "unproductive" connotes according to the technical explanation of the Ministry?

Shri Hathi: These were considered as unproductive because their return was only .44 per cent in one case and .63 per cent in another case. So, under no criterion can this percentage of .4 or .6 be taken as productive. In the scarcity areas in certain cases the Planning Commission accept schemes with a return of up to 3 per cent. But where it goes below one per cent it is not possible to include it at such high cost.

Shri S. E. Arumugham: Has any decision been taken on the Parambikulam project?

Mr. Speaker: That is a new one.

Shri S. E. Arumugham: The Minister has referred to that.

Shri Hathi: That is one of the new schemes that has been included in the Plan. So, it will be implemented.

Shri P. K. Deo: What percentage of return will be considered productive in the case of small irrigation projects?

Shri Hathi: As I mentioned, there is no fixed percentage. It all depends upon the area, the need of the particular region, the new land that would be irrigated etc. But Planning