

Plan period and funds to cover expenditure during 1957-58 for this purpose have been placed at the disposal of the State Governments and the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. A statement showing (a) the problems on which research is to be continued and the distribution of expenditure; and (b) the stations where the research will be conducted is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 118.]

**Shri Ram Krishan:** May I know the State-wise allocation of funds for this?

**Shri Hathi:** The allocations are made to the various institutions which are situated in the particular States. The States are: Mysore, U. P., Punjab, West Bengal, Madras, Andhra, Bihar, Bombay and Assam. These are the States to which the funds have been sanctioned because the research institutions are stationed in those States.

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know if the Himalayan countries of Nepal, Bhutan and China across our frontiers are helping us with valuable information regarding this fundamental research in flood control, and if so, the extent to which we are receiving this help?

**Shri Hathi:** So far as this question is concerned, it is with regard to the research of a particular subject, but we get information from these countries whenever we require, or specially in the flood season.

**Shri Tangamani:** Out of Rs. 105 lakhs set apart for these 12 research stations, may I know how much has been allotted to the Concrete and Soil Laboratory at Chepauk in Madras?

**Shri Hathi:** The various research laboratories have taken up various research work. Madras has been given Rs. 35,409 for 1957-58. So far as the Plan period is concerned, it is Rs. 1,85,618.

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know the nature of the information we are receiving from China about the river Tsangpo, i.e., the Brahmaputra?

**Shri Hathi:** We do not receive information with regard to a particular river or a particular river basin. We receive information during the flood period, flood warnings and other warnings that would put us on guard.

**Shri Dasappa:** May I know whether any study is being made on the question of avalanches so far as flood are concerned?

**Shri Hathi:** No, Sir. So far as the present programme is concerned, there are about 12 subjects in which research is to be carried on. The 12 subjects are mentioned in the statement laid on the Table of the House.

#### Development of Fisheries in Punjab

\*1181. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grants have been sanctioned to Punjab Government for the development of fisheries during 1958-59; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

**The Minister of Co-operation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) and (b). A sum of Rs. 0.41 lakhs has been provided for fishery development schemes during 1958-59. The actual amount will be released after the commencement of the financial year in April.

**Shri Daljit Singh:** May I know the schemes which are being carried out in Punjab for the development of fisheries?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** A scheme for the expansion of the development of fish by stocking of a large number of impounded water sources; a scheme for the provision of cold storage arrangements in three important fish-curing centres in the Punjab; a scheme for the grant of interest-free

loans to fishermen's co-operative societies for co-operative marketing of fish; fisheries development scheme; and provision of a fish larder in Ambala District.

**Shri Hem Raj:** May I know whether there is any scheme to use the old ponds and tanks for the purposes of pisciculture?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I think there must be. We are trying to develop these ponds, but it is for the State Government to choose the exact ponds.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** The hon. Minister stated that there was a scheme for stocking ponds with fish. I want to know whether this scheme would include stocking of ponds with the fry of a particular variety of fish which is known for its proliferation of multiplication, by the name of Tilapia.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** The variety of fish is left to the State Government to choose. We do not dabble in it so far as the variety is concerned.

#### Agricultural University at Ludhiana

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\*1182. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri Ajit Singh Sarhad:**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Central Government propose to help Punjab Government in the setting up of an Agricultural University at Ludhiana?

The Minister of Co-operation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): No. The Government of India in consultation with the Planning Commission have decided to render financial assistance for the establishment of only one Agricultural University during the Second Five Year Plan period and after due consideration of the claims of the various States it has been decided to render assistance to the U. P. Government for this purpose.

**Shri Anwar Harvaal:** Will this U.P. university permit students from Punjab also to enter it?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** It is rather premature to envisage who will be admitted. Since it is the only university in India for the present probably this kind of suggestion may be kept in view.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know if any aid is being given to the Punjab for helping this agricultural education?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Yes, Sir. Quite a substantial assistance is being given for veterinary college and some other schemes.

**Shri B. Das Gupta:** May I know from how many States schemes for starting agricultural universities came to the Government of India?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** There was a tentative scheme that we received from the Punjab, and there was also an enquiry from Andhra Pradesh, but U. P. is the only State which has sent us a scheme which is on the same lines as the recommendations of the Indo-American team which has recommended the establishment of such universities.

#### Nangal-Una Railway Line

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\*1183. { **Shri Daljit Singh:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the Traffic Survey Report of the new railway line connecting Nangal to Una has been received?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): Yes, Sir.

#### Viscount Planes

\*1063. **Shri Biren Roy:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Viscount '700' types of aircraft have