

Minor Irrigation Schemes in U.P.

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567. { Shri Tangamani:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1689 on the 27th September, 1958 and state whether any decision has since been arrived at regarding additional aid of Rs. 11 crores to Uttar Pradesh for minor irrigation?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): The additional aid of Rs. 11.27 crores for minor irrigation asked for by the U.P. Government relates to the three years 1958-59 to 1960-61. For the year 1958-59, an additional sum of Rs. 110 lakhs has been allocated—Rs. 70 lakhs from this Ministry and Rs. 40 lakhs from the Ministry of Community Development. The allocation for 1959-60 and 1960-61 will be decided at the time of the discussion of the annual plans for these years.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether as a result of this allocation, the target of 171,000 acres more to be irrigated for the current year has been achieved, or, if not, how many more acres have come under cultivation as a result of this?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: It is too early to say whether the target of this year will be achieved. We expect that they are spending more than the allocated money and we expect they should be able to achieve more than the target.

Shri Tangamani: The U.P. Government have demanded Rs. 11.25 crores both for minor irrigation and for the water-logged areas. May I know whether for these three years the amount required, namely, Rs. 11.25 crores will be allotted to the U.P. Government in view of the difficulties they have experienced?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Additional funds were asked for three main

items: water logging and drainage improvement schemes; extension of pucca wells around 1000 tube wells; and construction of masonry wells and installation of Persian wheels.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: In which of the main minor irrigation schemes will this aid which is given this year be utilised by the U.P. Government?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: They have asked for additional funds and this is the first year. We have given them Rs. 1.96 crores for minor irrigation. They have come forward with additional demands. It means that they would be able to utilise the annual allocation plus the additional funds that we have given.

श्री जगदीश बबस्वी : क्या मैं मन्त्री महोदय से जान सकता हूँ कि उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकार ने जो छोटी छोटी मिचाई योजनाएँ रखी हैं उनका मुख्य स्वरूप क्या है ?

श्री श्री० बे० कृष्णप्पा : प्रथम जिन ६ ड्राइटम्स के वास्ते १ करोड़ और १० लाख रुपये दिये हैं वे यह हैं ;

Construction of drains; taking over of co-operative tube wells; lining of tube wells; Bunds in Southern U.P.; Kuhls in Hill districts; masonry wells.

श्री जगदीश बबस्वी : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो छोटे छोटे कुएँ खुदवाये जायेंगे, उन कुओं के खुदवाने में राज्य सरकार क्या किसानों से भी अनुदान के रूप में कुछ रुपया लेगी, उनका भी कुछ हिस्सा होगा या सरकार उनको खुद खुदवायेगी ?

श्री श्री० बे० कृष्णप्पा : एक कुएँ के बनाने के लिये २००० रुपये दिये जायेंगे । २००० रुपये में २५ परसेंट सबसिडी होगी और उक्त सबसिडी में आधा हमारा हिस्सा है और आधा राज्य सरकार का हिस्सा है ।

Mr. Speaker: How much of this is mazdoor contribution: Whether any portion of this cost would be borne by Shramdan or by the kisans?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: It is all loans. We give Rs. 2000 as loan.

Shri Tangamani: May I know how much of the irrigation potential in the U.P. has so far been utilised during the Second Plan period, and if it is not up to the target, the reason therefor?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The potential fixed for U.P. under minor irrigation was about . . . पहली पंचवर्षीय योजना के पहले साल में . . .

An Hon. Member: He should speak either in English or in Hindi.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Members must learn Hindi as well as the hon. Minister.

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: In the first two years, 2.8 million acres have been brought under irrigation.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: May I know if the Government have advised the U.P. Government to renovate the old tanks in the villages for utilising them for irrigation purposes?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Under minor irrigation, that is also one of the schemes. Restoration and renovation of old tanks is also one of the items under minor irrigation.

Co-operative Sugar Factories, Andhra Pradesh

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*548. { **Shri Nagi Reddy:**
 Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:

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

(a) the amount of foreign exchange essential for the implementation of plan targets for the setting up of co-operative sugar factories in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) how much of the above has so far been sanctioned; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange for which applications are still pending?

The Minister of Co-operation (Dr. F. S. Deshmukh): (a) It has been decided that instead of importing the bulk of machinery from abroad sugar plants should be fabricated in the country by importing the minimum essential components and equipment that cannot be secured and manufactured indigenously. As such the foreign exchange requirements for four sugar factories in Andhra would be roughly Rs. 100 lakhs as against approximately Rs. 300 lakhs if the entire machinery were to be imported.

(b) and (c). No amount of foreign exchange has been sanctioned so far. The amount of foreign exchange for which applications are pending would, therefore, be either Rs. 300 lakhs or Rs. 100 lakhs (for the four factories) calculated in the manner explained earlier.

Shri Nagi Reddy: In view of the fact that the manufacture of sugar machinery in our own country would take a long time, and in view of the fact that four societies of Chittoor, Amadalavaladi, Pulakottu and Chodavaram have already collected their share of capital and the State Government too has paid its share long ago, do Government propose to give the foreign exchange necessary for these four factories?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): I have got all the sympathy for the farmers who have subscribed the capital, and we have done our best to impress upon the Planning Commission the necessity of bringing up these factories in the shortest possible time. Unfortunately, the foreign exchange position is so difficult that we have not been able to get the allocation of foreign exchange. Yet, we are continuously pressing for the allocation of foreign exchange, so that these and some other co-operative factories may come up.

Shri Nagi Reddy: As per the State Government publication *Plan Provision for 1958-59*, there have been some efforts to supply machinery for three