

### Artificial Rain

\*892. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1671 on the 27th September, 1958, and state:

(a) whether the scheme to produce artificial rain by the installation of steam injectors during the monsoon season has been considered; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

**The Minister of Co-operation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Yes.

(b) The scheme has been recommended by the Board of Research and the Advisory Board of the I.C.A.R. The scheme will now be placed before the Standing Finance Committee and the Governing Body of the Council in the last week of December, 1958 for allotment of funds.

**Shri Ram Krishan:** May I know whether the Government proposes to send another study team abroad for this purpose?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** No, Sir.

**Shri Ram Krishan:** May I know the total funds allotted for this scheme?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** The total funds that may be allotted come to about Rs. 10,700.

**Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** As long as four years back, a team was sent to Australia—a team of experts—to study the clouds to produce artificial rain. May I know the result of the work of that expert team in Australia?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I would require notice for that question.

**श्री भवत वर्मान :** क्या माननीय मंत्री जी यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि यह जो योजना स्वीकार की जा रही है, इसके अन्तर्गत एक इंच बारिश होने में कितना खर्चा बैठेगा ?

**डा० पं० शा० बेशम्वर :** जो खर्चा वर्चा है, उसका अमी तक कुछ अन्दाजा नहीं लगाया

गया है। मगर प्राशा है कि जितनी बारिश होगी, उससे कम खर्चा आयेगा।

**Shri Sampath:** May I know whether the method adopted by the Centre for producing artificial rain is different from the method being adopted by the Government of Madras?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** This method is injecting something in the clouds... (Interruptions). (An hon. Member: Something!).

**Shri Raghunath Singh:** Everything is in the clouds.

**An Hon. Member:** Is it not steam? (Interruptions.).

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Yes, Sir. It is steam.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Member wants to know whether the hon. Minister is aware of the method adopted by the Madras Government and whether that method is different from the one that is adopted by the Centre.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I think that since this gentleman is coming from Madras—the man who has proposed the scheme is Dr. Savur, ex-Director, Regional Meteorological Centre, Madras—I believe it is the same man and so probably the same method.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know whether Government have worked out the cost of producing artificial rain and come to any conclusion about the cost for one square mile inch of artificial rain?

**Mr. Speaker:** He is not able to say about one inch, what to talk of one square mile inch. Let us go to the next question.

### Dues from China

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\*893. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any sum is still due from the Chinese Government relating to "Overseas Communications Services";