

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** What are the positive steps taken by the Government to solve or minimise unemployment? May I know whether this step also includes unemployment doles? If it does not include unemployment doles, how are you going to solve this problem at all?

**Shri Nanda:** Unemployment dole is not a solution to the problem of unemployment. Therefore, we are not thinking in those terms. We are thinking in terms of extending employment of various categories and the major step is larger investments. Even though investment is on a reduced scale in the Second Plan, we have doubled it as compared to the First Plan.

**Shri B. K. Gaikwad:** What is the latest estimate of agriculturally unemployed persons who do not get employment for about 8 to 10 months in the year?

**Shri Nanda:** These figures are analysed in the employment exchanges. I can furnish the details.

#### Plants for Basic Drugs

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Shri Subodh Hansda:  
 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:  
 Shri S. C. Samanta:  
 Shri D. C. Sharma:  
 Shri Osman Ali Khan:  
 Shri Raghunath Singh:  
 Shri Narayanankutty Memon:  
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 Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
 Shri Jagdish Awasthi:  
 Shri Bhakt Darshan:  
 Shri Anwar:  
 Shri A. M. Tariq:  
 Shri Pahadia:  
 Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:  
 Shri Achar:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1365, on the 19th March, 1959 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the Report of the Soviet

Experts in connection with the setting up of production units of basic drugs;

(b) if so, the nature of decisions taken thereon;

(c) the estimates for different projects to be undertaken; and

(d) the progress made so far, in the setting up of plants for basic drugs?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An agreement has been entered into with the Government of the U.S.S.R. for co-operation in establishing State enterprises for the manufacture of drugs, medicines and surgical instruments. Copies of agreement are available in the Parliament Library. Government have taken a decision to proceed further with the Projects.

(c) and (d). Preliminary estimates in regard to these projects have been furnished to the House in the statement laid on the Table of the House on 19th March, 1959. Further work in regard to obtaining final estimates is proceeding both in India and U.S.S.R.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** May I know whether the location of the basic drug plants has been finalized and, if so, the name of the place? May I also know the various conditions and requirements that have been taken into consideration in finalising this location?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** We expect the report of the Location Committee during this month. And it is our policy that, given the overall economic considerations, the heavy industry should be as much dispersed and decentralised as possible, particularly in the backward areas.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** Can the Minister give us an idea of the total amount of foreign exchange that will be required for the setting up of this plant?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** The loan, as the House is aware, is 80 million

roubles which comes to about Rs. 9-6 crores.

श्री वक्त बर्ज़ान : श्रीमान्, श्री माननीय श्री ने बताया कि इसके स्थानों का निर्णय करने के लिए एक समिति नियुक्त की गई है, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उस समिति के कौन-कौन से सदस्य हैं और यह कब तक अपनी रिपोर्ट देगी ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : प्लानिंग कमिशन के एडवाइजर मि० मून इसके चेयरमैन हैं। डा० नारायण राव, डा० वसु एंड टू और श्री अदर मेम्बरें।

Shri Osman Ali Khan: May I know whether the Government expect reduction in the prices of the drugs as a result of this project and, if so, to what extent?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It would be rather too early to say that, but our past experience has been very happy. The more we have gone into production the more we have been able to effect reduction of prices of every medicine, drug and other instruments.

श्री अ० म० तारिक : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जब यह सोवियट डेलिगेशन काश्मीर भी गया था और उसने अपनी रिपोर्ट में जो गवर्नमेंट धाफ इडिया को दी थी उसमें यह पेशकश की थी कि काश्मीर बेहतरीन जगह है उन बन्द जगहों में से जहाँ कि यह इंडस्ट्री कायम की जा सकती है और काश्मीर चूँकि इस सिंहाज से बहुत बैकवर्ड है मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि हुकूमत क्या कुछ कर रही है ?

[मैंने ये जानना चाहता हूँ]

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श्री मनुभाई शाह : जम्मू और काश्मीर में एलकेनायडस के बारे में कुछ होना चाहिए ऐसी भारत सरकार की पहले से राय है। जहाँ तक सोवियट डेलिगेशन की रिपोर्ट का ताल्लुक है उन्होंने कोई लोकेशन और इंडिकेशन नहीं दिया और इन वक्त चूँकि सब जगह से बहुत सी डिमांड्स आ रही थी कि अलग अलग जगहों पर प्राजेक्ट्स लगाये जायें इसलिए एक सास समिति नियुक्त की है और हमारी भाशा है कि जितना भी विकेंद्रीकरण सम्भव हो सकेगा हम लोग सब बातों को देखते हुए करेंगे।

Shri Narayanankutty Menon: May I know if the Government is aware that the Location Committee did not visit the State of Kerala at all and, if so, what were the reasons for this?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It is not necessary for every committee to visit every area. But a number of memoranda have been received from the State of Kerala and they have all been placed before the Committee.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know which of the States have put forward claims for the location of the phytochemical plant and whether any decision has been taken on that?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The whole decision will be taken on the basis of the report of the Committee which we expect in the current month. The States which are prominently pleading for the establishment of the phytochemical plant are Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, West Bengal and another 3 or 4 States. Every State is practically asking for every project in their State.