

being balked by the traders, who were interested in creating artificial shortages and shooting up of the prices. Therefore, STC was requested by the Delhi Administration to procure some amount of coal from them.

**Aid to Sikkim**

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 \*1194. { Shri Vajpayee:  
 { Shri Bhanja Deo:  
 { Shri Manabendra Shah:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Sikkim have sought further financial assistance from India for its development programmes;

(b) the total financial aid advanced by India to Sikkim so far; and

(c) the projects which are being financed through aid?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri J. N. Hazarika): (a) and (b). The Government of India are financing the Seven Year Sikkim Development Plan, which completes its sixth year today. Of the total capital outlay of Rs. 307 lakhs promised for the Plan, a sum of Rs. 2,53,15,000 has been given to Sikkim so far.

Apart from this, the Government of India have agreed to give a loan of Rs. 29 lakhs for the Aerial Ropeway scheme. Rs. 25.5 lakhs have been given till the end of the current financial year and a provision of Rs. 3.5 lakhs has been made in the Budget for the next financial year.

A request has also been received from the Sikkim Government for additional allotment of funds for certain projects not included initially in the Plan. This request is under the consideration of the Government.

(c) Some of the important projects undertaken by the Government of Sikkim under the Plan are:—

(1) Demonstration farms at Gangtok, and Lachung;

- (2) A nucleus National Extension Service Organisation for Sikkim;
- (3) A fruit preservation and canning factory;
- (4) A veterinary Hospital and Pig gery at Gangtok;
- (5) A Soil Conservation unit;
- (6) Minor Irrigation Projects;
- (7) Installation of Hydro electric projects at Gangtok and Singtam;
- (8) Improvement of communications;
- (9) Establishment of a High School at Gangtok;
- (10) Establishment of Hospitals at Singtam and Namchi;
- (11) A T.B. Clinic.

Shri Vajpayee: In view of the declaration made by the hon. Prime Minister that any attack on Sikkim will be considered an attack on India, may I know if Government have offered any aid or assistance to Sikkim so as to increase its defence potential?

Shri Raghunath Singh: How does it arise out of this question?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Since the Government of India have taken the responsibility for it, there is no question of increasing Sikkim's independent defence potential.

Mr. Speaker: This question is only about development programme. It does not arise . . .

Shri Vajpayee: Now I shall confine my question to development. May I know if any steps have been taken to see that whatever aid that is offered to Sikkim is spent in a proper manner?

Shri J. N. Hazarika: Yes, Sir. Our Political Officer has informed us that the progress is going on quite well.

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know whether this request for additional financial assistance for which no project has been specified, as read out by the hon. Parliamentary Secretary, is meant for the normal development plan or is impelled by the defence situation as it is at present?

**Shri J. N. Hazarika:** The Sikkim Government has approached for additional grant of Rs. 96,26,000. By this three projects, namely, Rongni Chhu Hydel Scheme, the exploration of copper deposits and Sikkim Radio have been provided. Besides, there is a scheme of spill-over expenditure to adjust the expenditure of the current Plan.

**Shri Raghunath Singh:** What amount has been allotted for roads and road transport of Sikkim and what steps are taken to connect Sikkim with the Highways of India?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** So far as the roads of Sikkim are concerned, I cannot say the exact sum or the mileage in this. But that is being considered from the point of view of the development of border roads all over our border. That is an important aspect of it and that is included in it. Naturally it is important that those roads should be connected with the other road system in India.

**Shrimati Mafta Ahmed:** Apart from financial aid, may I know whether the Government of Sikkim sought any advice or suggestion from India in formulating their development programme?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** Naturally these matters are discussed always. When any such question arises it is a matter of mutual discussion and co-operation.

**Shri Brajeshwar Prasad:** Has any assistance been given for the construction of an aerodrome in Sikkim?

**Mr. Speaker:** Has any portion been earmarked for the construction of an aerodrome in Sikkim?

**Shri Tyagi:** Notice.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** Not that I am at present aware of. It is not easy to have big aerodrome. Of course, small airstrips might be convenient and desirable, we consider.

श्री भक्त वंशन् : श्रीमन्, भ्रमी बताया गया कि जो सप्तवर्षीय विकास योजना बनाई गई थी, उस के छः वर्ष पूरे हो रहे हैं, लेकिन खर्चा भ्रमी तक बहुत कम हुआ है उस के मुकाबले में। तो क्या गवर्नमेंट प्राशा करती है कि सात वर्षीय कार्यक्रम पूरी रफ्तार से चल सकेगा, और प्रागे के लिये क्या कोई और सप्तवर्षीय योजना बनाई जा रही है ?

श्री जशहरलाल नेहरू : यह कैसे उन्होंने ने कहा कि खर्च कम हुआ है। ३०७ लाख में से २५३ लाख ०० खर्च हो चुके हैं। यह कोई बहुत कम तो नहीं है।

**Mr. Speaker:** Next Question.

**Shri A. M. Tariq:** May I know. . . .

**Mr. Speaker:** I have called the next question.

#### Established Importers

\*1195. **Shri Hem Barua:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any check is maintained on the established importers of foreign goods to India;

(b) if so, what is the agency;

(c) whether there has been any incident of profiteering indulged in by established importers during 1958-59 and 1959-60; and

(d) if so, what is the number?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. All imports against a licence are checked by the Customs Authorities with a view to see that the terms and conditions of the licence are complied with.

(c) and (d). The exact number is not available. But whenever such cases were brought to the notice of