

भेजे जाते हैं और वे इंस्ट्रक्टरस उनको पहाड़ों पर चढ़ना सिखाते हैं ।

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : ग्यान में लिखा है

A few expeditions have been assisted with such equipment as could be made available by the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute.

मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या एक्विपमेंट्स वगैरह के लिए सरकार से कोई आर्थिक सहायता मिलती है अथवा यह संस्था किस प्रकार से इस काम को पूरा कर सकती है ?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा बंबेशिक कार्य मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : इस संस्था को कई जरियों से सहायता मिलती है । सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट की दो मिनिस्ट्रीज हैं जिनसे कि इसको सहायता मिलती है । सब में बड़ी तो डिफेंस मिनिस्ट्री सहायता देती है और दूसरी हमारी साइंटिफिक रिसर्च एंड कलचरल एफेयर्स की मिनिस्ट्री भी कुछ सहायता देती है क्योंकि उसे इन मामलों से कुछ दिलचस्पी है । वैंस्ट बंगाल गवर्नमेंट कुछ अलग मुस्तकिल सहायता देती है । यह तो एक मुस्तकिल मदद है और जरा बड़ी रकम है । इसके अलावा कई और हुकूमतें जैसे आपने कहा पंजाब और कई और गवर्नमेंट्स थोड़ी बहुत सहायता देती हैं । इस तरह से उनको काफी सहायता मिलती है और वाक्या यह है कि जो उनका बजट बनाते हैं और जो कमी होती है वह सहायता भी देते हैं । इसलिए उसमें कमी का कोई सवाल नहीं है । उनको पूरा मिलता है जितनी मदद मांगते हैं उतनी ही उनको मिल जाती है । जब वे अपने सिखाने वालों को, ट्रेनर्ज को, भेजते हैं और किसी स्टेट, में तब यह उस स्टेट का काम है कि उन का बन्दोबस्त करे और कैम्प का खर्च वगैरह भ्रदा करे ।

Shri Jaipal Singh: With your permission, may I supplement the information that has been given by the two Ministers: The point is—it is rather important and I think that is what the House is looking for—that recently the All India Council of

Sports has appointed a Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of General Thimayya who also, as you know, is associated with the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute. The terms of reference of this Sub-Committee are such as go to develop mountaineering amongst our people, boys and girls, to begin with at the University stage. They have, for example, at Jabalpur a Mountaineering Club for Girls. We have asked the All India Sports Council to encourage climbing high mountains. The idea is that it is part of Bharat Darshan where the people instead of knowing only about plains and big cities come to learn about mountains and develop a lust for climbing high mountains.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : हमारे प्रधान मंत्री जी माउन्टेनियरिंग के बारे में जो दिलचस्पी ले रहे हैं, उस के लिये धन्यवाद है और माउन्टेनियरिंग इंस्टीट्यूट को बहुत रुपया दिया जा रहा है । मेरे प्रश्न का मतलब यह है कि बहुत सी संस्थायें रुपये की कमी की वजह से काम को आगे नहीं बढ़ा पा रही हैं । मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या कोई ऐसी स्कीम सरकार के विचाराधीन है कि इंस्टीट्यूट की ओर से, या बराह-रास्त केन्द्रीय सरकार की ओर से, उन को सहायता दी जाये, ताकि उन का काम आगे बढ़ सके ।

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : और संस्थायें या माउन्टेनियरिंग इंस्टीट्यूट ?

श्री भक्त दर्शन : और संस्थायें ।

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : और संस्थाओं के बारे में मैं क्या जवाब दूँ । माउन्टेनियरिंग इंस्टीट्यूट को हम पूरी सहायता दे रहे हैं । जहाँ तक और संस्थाओं का ताल्लुक है, वे कौन हों, कहाँ हों, उन को क्या दिया जाये, यह अलग सवाल है ।

Durgapur Steel Plant

*641. **Shri Ram Krihan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply

given to Starred Question No. 581 on the 20th August, 1960 and state:

(a) whether the findings of the Committee appointed to investigate into the matter of defective pile foundations put up at the Durgapur Steel Plant have been examined: and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). The findings of the Committee of Engineers have not yet been fully examined. However some of the tests suggested by the Committee have already been carried out and these tests have not disclosed any unsatisfactory feature. The remaining tests are being carried out.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: In reply to a previous question, the hon. Minister said that payment to be made to the Iron and Steel Works Construction Company was being revised and suitable adjustments would be made. May I know what action has been taken so far in this matter and what is the result of the revised estimate?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I would invite the attention of the hon. Member to a reply to a supplementary question given by me on the 20th August, 1960 where I had stated that an *ad hoc* deduction of Rs. 10 lakhs had been made from payment due to ISCON. The final agreement has not yet been formally executed, but I would like to reiterate that ISCON have already agreed to carry out all remedial measures at their own cost and to rectify at their own expense any damage to the works caused by settlement of foundations containing bored pipes for a period of ten years.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: The hon. Minister has said that ISCON have agreed to do everything at their own cost. I want to know whether Government have been able to assess the damage done and amount required for actual reconstruction or rectification of the damage.

Sardar Swaran Singh: It was not necessary because they were themselves to rectify it at their own cost.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: The question of payment was raised by Shri Ram Krishan Gupta and he was told by the hon. Minister that payment would not be made unless the whole thing was investigated. If we are unable to assess even the loss, what is to be made good, how are we going to get it done?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I think the hon. Member who is generally vigilant has not cared to follow the reply carefully. What I said was that whatever is the defect, ISCON have agreed to rectify it at their own cost. Therefore, no question of estimate arose. Then I said that they have undertaken the further responsibility that if any loss occurs to the works in the course of ten years, they will rectify it. He wants me to give an estimate of what is likely to be the loss in the course of ten years. My hope is that there will be no loss.

Shri Nath Pai: The defective foundations were bound to lead to delay in the completion of the works and, therefore, in production of steel. We had at an earlier stage pointed out that a single day's delay in the completion means a loss of about Rs. 15 lakhs. May I know whether ISCON are going to cover that loss also which has resulted from the delay in construction consequent on the defective foundations discovered?

Sardar Swaran Singh: We were all unhappy at this defective piling. But luckily this has not affected the construction schedule.

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क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या ब्रिटेन ने भारत को विदेशी मुद्रा की कठिनाइयों का सामना करने के लिये ५० लाख पाउंड का ऋण देने का निश्चय किया है ; और