

received any complaint about silting in Govind Sagar and if so whether there is a proposal to send any expert team there also?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I would require notice.

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस बात को जानने हुए कि हमें अधिक अन्न उपजाने के लिए अधिक भूमि की आवश्यकता है, क्या देश भर में इस प्रकार के सर्वे कराने के लिए भारतीय एक्सपर्ट्स की कोई टीम मुकर्रर की गई है और क्या तीसरी पंचवर्षीय योजना में इसके लिए कुछ धन रखा जायेगा ?

डा० पं० शा० देशमुख : हमारे पास भारतीय एक्सपर्ट्स काफी हैं और वह इन चीजों पर ध्यान रखते हैं और सर्वे भी करते हैं। इस एक्सपर्ट्स को तो कुछ खास बातें जानने के लिए बुलाया था और उसने देखने के बाद हमें अपनी रिपोर्ट दे दी है।

श्री पद्म देव : क्या इस स्कीम में पर्वतीय इलाकों का निरीक्षण भी शामिल है क्योंकि देश और पर्वत में इरोजन अलग अलग किस्म का होता है ?

डा० पं० शा० देशमुख : जी हाँ, उन्होंने इस पर ध्यान दिया है।

Shri Warrior: May I know whether there is any proposal before the Government to extend the survey to other parts also which are not covered by this team, especially where the monsoon is the highest?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: This may be taken care of to the extent possible in the Third Plan.

Shri Shivananjappa: May I know whether this expert came here at the invitation of the Government of India or whether it is a part of the package programme?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: This has nothing to do with the package programme. It was agreed to between the U.S. Government and ourselves.

Shri Achar: The hon. Minister was pleased to say that the team visited Mysore State. May I know whether it visited the Deccan portion or it visited the West Coast also?

Mr. Speaker: These are details.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I cannot say that.

Landslides on Jammu-Srinagar Highway

***902. Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state what steps are being taken to check landslides on the Highway linking Jammu with Srinagar?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The State Government have been asked to build retaining walls, breast walls and series of check walls. They have also been asked to stabilize the hill face by planting shrubs on the slopes.

Shri Raghunath Singh: As the Jammu and Kashmir State is a very poor State, what is the contribution going to be made by the Central Government to maintain this highway?

Shri Raj Bahadur: This is a national highway and the entire cost of the maintenance is on the Central Government. Perhaps it may be shared by the border road development fund to some extent.

Earth Tremors

***903. Shri Rami Reddy:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were frequent earth tremors in Andhra Pradesh during the last six months;

(b) if so, the places as also the timings where and when they occurred;

(c) the effects caused by the tremors; and

(d) whether any damage has occurred as a result thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Cultivation of Paddy

***904. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a Committee to organise the use of certain new varieties of paddy which can withstand floods and stagnant water; and

(b) if so, where these new varieties of paddy have been experimented upon?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) The Constitution of the Committee has been finalised only recently and it will shortly start work. In the meantime certain successful trials of this variety of paddy have been made in the reservoirs of the D.V.C. project.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether any other areas have been chosen to introduce this type of paddy?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: We intend to use it wherever it is possible to experiment with it.

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : पैडी की नई किसमें कहाँ से मंगाई जा रही हैं और क्या उनके उपयोग के लिए किसी विशेष तरकीब की आवश्यकता होती है ?

डा० पं० शा० देशमुख : ये सब वैराटीज हिन्दुस्तान में ही पायी जाती हैं । इनमें क्या संशोधन करके उनको अच्छा बनाया जा सके इसकी तरकीब सोची जा रही है ।

Shri Tyagi: What is exactly the use of a committee in this matter of growing paddy? Will the Committee grow paddy? What are the functions of this Committee? I am surprised.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member can straightway ask if the Ministers grow paddy.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Sir, there are many aspects of growing paddy and it is not merely seeing paddy grown somewhere. This is a special variety. This is meant to be grown in lands where the water stagnates and remains for a long time. We want to introduce these varieties and find out the proper varieties and propagate their use. We also intend to grow another crop along with paddy we shall grow some fish crop also.

Shri Tyagi: What is the committee required to do? What are the terms of reference of that committee?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I would like to have notice if the details are to be given. This is a committee of experts, first and foremost. They will find out what particular varieties are suitable for what type of lands, whether any new varieties can be evolved, what is the yield and how it could be increased, what are the fertilisers required, and so on.

Shri Tyagi: May I take it that it is a research committee of some scholars who will make some research into it? Or is it that research has already been done and this paddy is only to be propagated?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: This is investigation leading to research. Some of these people are scientists themselves and they will also do research, but we also want to find out the problems on which researches would be necessary. Then they will undertake the research.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know whether the Central Rice Research Institute at Cuttack carried on this research and if so, what is the result of this research?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: We have now come to the conclusion that in spite of the fact that we have got a very fine institute at Cuttack, there are many aspects of growing paddy which require detailed consideration and more