

modities which require long-term credit. Now because we want to export things which require long-term credit, this study is being made.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: The Deputy Minister replied that the credit is being given to established exporters. I asked whether incentives will be given to the small exporters if they join into co-operatives and whether they will be encouraged to export by giving credit facilities?

Shri Satish Chandra: All the facilities which are given to an individual exporter are naturally given to a co-operative society also.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: Are co-operative societies not receiving any special facility? That is the point.

Shri Satish Chandra: Co-operatives are encouraged. For instance, co-operative societies are exporting onion. Onion is the only item that I know of which co-operative societies handle at present onions and chillies do not require long-term credit.

Mr. Speaker: Onion also becomes a powerful machine sometimes.

Aid for Tibetan Refugees

*1369. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of food and medical supplies received so far separately from CARE, the unofficial American Relief Organisation, for Tibetan refugees; and

(b) how much of such relief is expected from that organisation during the forthcoming year?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) The value of food and medical supplies received from CARE (Co-operative for American Relief Everywhere Inc.) for Tibetan refugees so far has been Rs. 44,17,500 and Rs. 19,475, respectively.

(b) This organisation has a future programme for distribution of 14,270 maunds of rice during the first half

of 1961 of the total value of Rs. 8,33,625 and of tools and equipment of the value of Rs. 13,000.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know how many Tibetan refugees are being fed and given medical aid through the aid received from CARE and whether this aid is being intensified proportionately with the increase in the influx of Tibetan here?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: I require notice to give the number of refugees who are being fed and looked after.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know through which agencies this aid has been distributed?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: The assistance given to Tibetan refugees by various voluntary organisations is channelled through the Central Relief Committee for Tibetan refugees, which co-ordinates the work of receipt and distribution of all gift supplies among the Tibetan refugees in various places in India.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: Some years ago when the Soviet trade unions sent some relief to be distributed through the All India Trade Union Congress, it was decided that relief should be distributed through Government and not through private agencies. May I know whether any similar procedure will be adopted in this case also?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: I cannot say; I have just said all this aid is channelled through a particular association and that is the present position.

Shri B. K. Galkwad: May I know how much our Government have spent on Tibetan refugees?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: The expenditure incurred by the Government of India from May 1959 till the end of 31st March, 1960 was roughly Rs. 47 lakhs and voluntary non-official organisations spent almost an equivalent amount for the relief of Tibetan refugees in India. The figures for the financial year ending 31st March, 1961 are not available, though the initial

expenditure by Government is about Rs. 55 lakhs.

Indo-Pakistan Talks on West Bengal-East Bengal Rivers

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*1370. { Shri Bishwanath Roy:
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India's attention has been drawn to a statement reported to have been made by the President of Pakistan that it has been agreed between him and the Prime Minister of India that talks between India and Pakistan should be held immediately in connection with problems arising out of the utilisation of water of rivers of West Bengal and East Bengal;

(b) if so, the details of the whole matter; and

(c) the Government of India's reaction thereto?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) to (c). The Prime Minister met President Ayub Khan of Pakistan in London. The President referred to the Farakka Barrage Scheme and to various schemes connected with Teesta River. He suggested that it would be advantageous to both countries to co-operate in connection with these schemes. Prime Minister agreed with this general approach. The President suggested that the matter might be discussed at ministerial level and he could send one of his Ministers to Delhi for this purpose. The Prime Minister agreed to this.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: May I know the main points that have arisen from

the problems arising out of the distribution of the waters of the rivers?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: This matter has been under discussion for a long time between the two Governments, about the utilisation of the eastern rivers. There is no new development that has taken place.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: May I know when the talk is going to be held?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: We are waiting for President Ayub Khan to send his representative.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know whether our Government has made it absolutely clear to the Pakistan Government that it is a matter for unilateral action and that we will not wait for any negotiations, and the project will proceed according to our schedule?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: Yes, Sir; the project will proceed. The work on the project will not be stopped because of this.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that Pakistan has very recently sent a very strong note of protest to our Government asking Government not to proceed with the implementation of the Farakka dam project? Our information is that President Ayub Khan has also written a personal letter to our Prime Minister. If so, what is the reaction of our Government to the protest note and the personal letter?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: A note has been received by us and it is under consideration. It is true that in that note, the Pakistan Government has protested. But as I have said, we will continue with the project in spite of all protests. As regards the letter, the Prime Minister is not here. The letter has arrived; I do not know what it contains.

Shri D. C. Sharma: If the project will continue as before, may I know what is the use of having these negotiations