

for rural water supply and Rs 53 crores for urban water supply. Could I have an idea as to the amount which would be given under these two items during the Plan period to the State of Kerala?

Shri Karmarkar: Regarding the Second Five Year Plan, actually, during 1956-57, a sum of Rs 2 875 lakhs has been paid to the Kerala Government. And, during the current year, a Budget provision of Rs 15 crores exists for rural water supply and Kerala's share will be about Rs 4 lakhs.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether Government are aware of the fact that for the entire coastal belt of Kerala, where the density of population is, perhaps, the highest in India, there is no chance of getting fresh water because of the presence of the system of backwaters also there?

Shri Karmarkar: I appreciate the difficulty mentioned by the hon Member. But that coastal tract has been taken into consideration with all the other areas of the other States also whose problems are also very acute.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether the Government of India has considered the possibility of using the resources of the fresh water lake at Sasthankotta which can provide fresh water for the coastal area and, if so, whether Government propose to give any special grant in view of the scarcity of fresh water there?

Shri Karmarkar: It is a welcome suggestion but I should like to have notice for answering that question.

Dr. K. B. Menon: May I know whether the experiment of having filtered point wells in the coastal areas has been a success?

Mr. Speaker: The hon Member asks whether experiment of filtered point wells—tubewells—has been tried and proved a success. There are different kinds of tubewells.

Shri Karmarkar: He means something, Sir.

Shri Kediyan: May I know whether Government have any specific plan to provide fresh water supply to the needy areas under the Second Five Year Plan and, if so, what is the provision in the Second Plan for this?

Shri Karmarkar: The States put up particular proposals and we come in by way of aid—in the matter of urban water supply, by way of loans and in the matter of rural areas by way of grants. If my hon friend wants details regarding the proposals that have come in from Kerala and the extent to which we are able to respond, I would like to have notice.

Mr. Speaker: The hon Members must have given more information. Shri Nayar wants to know whether fresh water could be drawn from a particular tank and so on.

Shri V. P. Nayar: The question specifically is about the Central Government's grant for the Kerala State. Still, the hon Minister wants separate notice for it.

Mr. Speaker: The hon Member asks about the experiment of drawing water from a fresh water tank in Kerala whose name I am not able to pronounce. (Interruptions) Only persons in Kerala could pronounce it. How can he expect Shri Karmarkar who comes from Karnataka to know about it? Therefore, whatever details they want to ask, let them put them in the question itself. Next question.

Aerodrome near Azamgarh

*693. **Shri Kalika Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to construct a temporary aerodrome or runway cement track near the Azamgarh town; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Kalika Singh: May I know if the matter will be considered in the near future since this place is often marooned by floods?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I do not think that there is much likelihood of this town being connected by airways. There is an airport fifty miles away at Banaras and I think it will not be possible to build one in Azamgarh.

Mr. Speaker: In future, I propose to adopt the following procedure. In questions of this kind where some information regarding whether an individual aerodrome will be constructed in Azamgarh or air services will be connected with Gorakhpur or to some particular place etc I will send the question to the Minister and then pass on the answers to the hon Member. These individual cases should not be brought before the House. I would urge upon Members to write to the Ministers. In case they do not obtain redress or information then they may inform the Lok Sabha Secretariat who will get information.

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): We welcome it. (Interruptions)

Mr. Speaker: The hon Ministers also welcome it. They can give answers. The hon Members may send them their questions and they will answer as quickly as possible.

Acharya Kripalani: The hon Members want to show to their constituencies that they are doing something.

Mr. Speaker: Not in small matters. They can send all that to the Press after receiving information.

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*६६५. श्री जांगड़े क्या रे-वे मंत्री १३ सितम्बर, १९५६ के ताराकित प्रश्न संख्या २११८ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि बिलासपुर में प्रस्तावित

रेलवे हाई स्कूल स्थापित करने के सम्बन्ध में क्या स्थिति है ?

रेलवे उ.मंत्री (श्री शाहनबाज खां) . बिलासपुर रेलवे मिडिल स्कूल को हाई स्कूल बनाने के बारे में अभी विचार किया जा रहा है ।

श्री जांगड़े क्या माननीय उपमंत्री जी को ज्ञात है कि बिलासपुर रेलवे हाई स्कूल में वहाँ के गाँवियों ने दमवी क्लास तक को कक्षाये खोल रखी है और लड़के वहाँ पढ़ रहे हैं । क्या उसके लिए मान्यता प्राप्त करवाने के लिए रेलवे मंत्रालय विचार करेगा ? यदि नहीं, तो रेलवे मंत्रालय इस सम्बन्ध में क्या उपाय सोच रहा है कि वे लड़के किस स्कूल और कौन से वाडों के एग्जामिनेशन में बैठें ?

श्री शाहनबाज खां इस सिलसिले में बातचीत हो रही है और उम्मीद है कि बहुत जल्द मुनामिब कार्रवाई की जाएगी ।

श्री जांगड़े इस कार्रवाई के कब तक पूरे होने की सम्भावना है ?

श्री शाहनबाज खां इसका बारे में कोई खास तारीख तो नहीं दे सकता है । लेकिन मैं आनरबल मंत्री का यकीन दिला सकता हूँ कि रेलवे मंत्रालय काफी कोशिश कर रहा है और मध्य प्रदेश गवर्नमेंट ने भी इस बात का यकीन दिलाया है कि वह शायद जल्दी ही इस बारे में कोई कार्रवाई करेगी ।

सरदार आ. वि. त्रिपाठी क्या गवर्नमेंट को ज्ञात है कि बिलासपुर डिविजनल हैडक्वार्टर होने जा रहा है ? यदि हाँ, तो उस परिस्थिति में वहाँ के बच्चों का पढ़ाई का ठीक इन्जाम करने के लिए हाई स्कूल या खोला जाना निहायत जरूरी है और क्या गवर्नमेंट इस ओर विशेष ध्यान देगी ?

श्री शाहनबाज खां यही तो मैं शुरू से अर्ज कर रहा हूँ कि बहुत जल्द महसूस हो रही है ।