

he wants. They have all been accepted.

Shri Nagi Reddy rose—

Mr. Speaker: Venkatasubbaiah first, Nagi Reddy second.

Shri Venkatasubbaiah: What is the extent of the land that is going to be irrigated under these schemes?

Shri Hathi: The irrigation potential would be about 1.8 million acres.

Shri Nagi Reddy: May I know whether the Government of Andhra has asked for greater grants for medium-scale projects in the scarcity areas?

Shri Hathi: No. The whole programme was for about Rs. 500 lakhs, which has now been increased to Rs. 650 lakhs. Out of this, they wanted Rs. 30 lakhs immediately which we have advanced.

Shri Nagi Reddy: Had they asked for a greater sum in the Second Five Year Plan period as a whole?

Shri Hathi: In fact, in the Second Plan there is no special provision for any scarcity relief programme. This is only the spillover from the provision in the first Plan which was Rs. 40 crores. Out of it, about Rs. 28 crores had been spent during the first Plan, and the balance is being distributed to the States.

Shri Thirumala Rao: Which are the districts in which these various scarcity areas are located?

Shri Hathi: Perhaps I will require notice to mention where all these 17 schemes are located, but I can supply a list of all the 17 schemes.

Shri Venkatasubbaiah: In view of the schemes which have been proposed for helping the drought and scarcity areas, may I know whether the Central Government propose to give the full financial assistance asked for by the State Government? The hon. Minister was telling us that schemes had been sent up for Rs. 6 crores. In view of the scarcity and drought conditions prevailing in those areas, will

the Central Government consider the desirability of sanctioning the entire amount to stop the recurring famine conditions?

Shri Hathi: The requirement of the State has been met by the extra allocation of Rs. 150 lakhs.

Eastern Railway Press

1414. **Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:**
Shri Dasaratha Deb:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that increasing printing orders are being placed on outside presses from the Eastern Railway Press;

(b) whether any irregularities in the Eastern Railway Press have been brought to the notice of Government; and

(c) if so, whether any enquiry has been made in this regard?

The Deputy Minister of Railways, (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Is it a fact that in spite of the fact that we have expended an additional Rs. 6 lakhs for night-shift and have indented for machinery and for a large number of new personnel, the actual output of the Press has remained static? Though our information is that it is declining, in any case it has not increased. If so, what is the reason therefor?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): There has been no decline; there has been an increase, and a substantial increase.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: What has been the result of the police on-the-spot inquiry into the allegations of corruption against the Superintendent of the Press?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: The inquiry has been made, report has been received and it is under examination.

Shri Dasaratha Deb: What is reason for printing orders being placed outside?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: No order for printing has been placed outside for the last one year.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Very serious allegations of corruption, bribery and nepotism have been placed before the Ministry regarding the Superintendent. Is it a fact that the Ministry has only transferred this gentleman and does not propose to take any further action in the matter?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: As I have said, the report is under examination and, therefore, it is too early for me to say whether adequate action has been taken against the person against whom any guilt has been proved.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: When was the report received and how long will it take to examine it and come to a conclusion?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I cannot say exactly, but it will be expedited.

Agricultural Economics and Research Projects

*1415. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2585 on the 28th May, 1956, in respect of the Agricultural Economics and Research Projects as recommended by Professor John D. Black and Dr. L. Stewart and state:

(a) which of the recommendations have been accepted by Government;

(b) how far they have been implemented; and

(c) whether a copy of the report will be laid on the Table?

The Minister of Co-operation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. (See Appendix IV annexure No. 28).

(c) A copy of the report has already been placed in the Library of Lok Sabha.

Shri Sanganna: It has been mentioned in the statement that two more research centres will be opened? Where will they be opened?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The places are not yet selected.

Shri Sanganna: It is stated that research centres have been opened in certain Universities. Will any financial assistance be given to them to carry on these programmes?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes. Financial assistance has been given as under: Delhi University Rs. 8,100; Bombay University Rs. 26,620; Poona Institute—it is not University—Rs. 51, 500; Calcutta University Rs. 91,000; Banaras Hindu University Rs. 11,870; and Annamalai University Rs. 5,000.

Shri Snpakar: Since when these Universities are carrying on this research work and in which other Universities the work is likely to be started in the near future?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have not got the list of all the Universities which are carrying on research, but our plan is to aid any University which sends us a scheme 100 per cent, if we approve of the scheme.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member wants to know what is the position about Orissa. Why should he ask about research in the whole world and ultimately not get an answer which he wants?

Shri Supakar: I found in the statement that Orissa was also mentioned.

Mr. Speaker: I see. What is the object of asking in a general way without asking a question specifically.

Shri Ranga: Are any of these centres conducting any inquiry into costs of cultivation of any of our foodgrains?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: That is one of the questions for investigation.