

**Shri C. R. Iyyunni:** May I know whether the Government servants of Cochin State and the Government servants of Travancore have been integrated?

**Dr. Katju:** I am informed many representations have been received from Cochin Government servants of there not being any proper integration. These will be looked into.

**Shri C. R. Iyyunni:** May I know, whether according to Article 371 of the Constitution, there is general control by the Centre regarding the administration of the States?

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the special information he wants. He is inviting attention to Article 371.

**Shri C. R. Iyyunni:** May I know whether any action has been taken by the Centre to redress the grievances?

**Dr. Katju:** The procedure is that we send all those complaints to the State Governments for examination and then take necessary action.

#### RAGHOPORE-PRATAPGANJ RAILWAY LINE

\*1598. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a railway line, running from Forlusganj to Bhaptiahi in the districts of Purnea and Bhagalpore in North Bihar via Pratapganj and Raghopore;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, when was the said railway line abandoned and for what reasons; and

(c) whether Government propose to restore the said railway line?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** (a) There was a rail connection between Bhaptiahi and Pratapganj Ghat only, but not between Pratapganj and Forbesganj.

(b) The line between Pratapganj and Bhaptiahi had to be progressively closed down between the years 1911 and 1927, on account of the westward advance of the Kosi river.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** May I know whether it is proposed to restore the railway line, since the area is free from flood of the Kosi now?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** Well, the matter is not under Government's consideration just at present. Unless the Kosi

river is controlled and its course is stabilised, it would not be practicable to have an all-weather line in the area.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** Is it a fact that the Central Jute Committee of India and the Government of Bihar have recommended the construction of these railway lines?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** There was some correspondence from the Government of Bihar. But the Central Board of Transport decided that it was not possible to take up that project just at present.

#### ग्राम सुधार परियोजनाएँ

\*१५९९. **सेठ गोविन्द दास:** क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि १९५२-५३ में कौन कौन सी ग्राम सुधार परियोजनाएँ आरम्भ की जायेंगी ?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** 15 Development Projects sanctioned with financial assistance from the Ford Foundation have been or will be undertaken during 1952-53. One each of these projects will be located in U.P., Bombay, West Bengal, Mysore, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Orissa, Hyderabad, PEPSU, Madhya Bharat, Vindhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Bhopal and Travancore-Cochin.

In addition, 55 Community Projects have been selected under the Community Development Programme to be started in October, 1952 and completed by 1955-56.

**सेठ गोविन्द दास:** इन योजनाओं के सम्बन्ध में जब निर्णय किया गया था तब क्या भिन्न भिन्न प्रदेशों की सरकारों से भी राय ली गई थी ?

**श्री करमरकर:** जी हाँ ।

**सेठ गोविन्द दास:** जब यह राय आ गई और उस के बन्द केन्द्रीय सरकार ने इस के सम्बन्ध में निर्णय किया तो क्या उस वक्त भिन्न भिन्न प्रदेशों के कृषि मंत्री या मुख्य मंत्री मौजूद थे जिन की सलाह से अन्तिम निर्णय हुआ ?

**श्री करमरकर :** इस के बारे में नोटिस चाहिये ।

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know how these village uplift projects will be integrated with the grow more food plan of the Government of India?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Grow more food, naturally, is one of the principal plans of this programme. The whole idea is to help the agriculturists all round and one of the principal aspects of it is grow more food.

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** किस किस योजना पर कितना कितना रुपया खर्च होगा, इस के सम्बन्ध में कुछ निश्चय हुआ है ?

**श्री करमरकर :** इस के बारे में जो फोर्ड फाउण्डेशन की संस्था काम कर रही है उस के बारे में एक नोट में टैबुल में रख रहा हूँ । वह बहुत ही लम्बी है । कम्प्यूनिटी प्रोजेक्ट के बारे में अभी इन्फारमेशन नहीं है ।

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Does the Ford Foundation lay down any terms in regard to the association of American personnel with the operation of these programmes?

**Shri Karmarkar:** They give us the idea. We retain complete initiative in the matter and the whole scheme is carried on under our supervision and guidance.

**Shri Achuthan:** Is the development project different from the community project?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I thought it was the same.

SECRETARIAT STAFF WELFARE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

\*1600. **Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** (a) Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of India have undertaken to implement the suggestion made by the Estimates Committee of the Provisional Parliament regarding the setting up of a Secretariat Staff Welfare and Amenities Committee?

(b) What will be the activities to be organised by this Committee?

(c) Have the opening of canteens suggested by the Estimates Committee been implemented?

(d) If so, how far do they serve the needs of the Secretariat Staff and whether scheme is a success?

**The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju):** (a) Yes.

(b) This is under examination.

(c) Some canteens are already functioning and steps are being taken for opening others.

(d) They provide wholesome and cheap refreshment to the Secretariat staff. As far as I am aware the scheme is working satisfactorily.

**पंडित मुनीश्वर दत्त उपाध्याय :** क्या इन कैनटीन्स में जो चीजें बिकती हैं उन पर सेल्स टैक्स लगता है या नहीं ? अगर लगता है तो किस रेट्स से लगता है ?

**रेल तथा यातायात मंत्री (श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री) :** जनरल एडवाइजरी कमेटी ने यह फ्रंसला किया है कि जो चीज खाने पीने की बेची जाती है उस पर सेल्स टैक्स न लिया जाय और उस पर से सेल्स टैक्स माफ कर दिया गया है । सिर्फ १०० रुपये पर आठ आना लिया जाता है ।

**पंडित मुनीश्वर दत्त उपाध्याय :** कितने उस में से वैजीटेरियन हैं और कितने नान-वैजीटेरियन हैं ? इन में जनरल स्टोर रखने का प्रबन्ध हो गया है या नहीं ?

**डा० काटजू :** मैं आनरेबिल मेम्बर से अज्ञ कहेगा कि वह वहाँ पर जा कर खुद देख लें तो उन को मालूम हो जायेगा कि वहाँ पर क्या क्या चीजें रखी गई हैं ।

**Shri Nambiar:** May I know, Sir, what steps have been taken to grant Privilege Ticket Order to Central Government servants, as recommended by the Central Pay Commission as one of the welfare measures?