

श्री राज बहादुर : हेलिकाप्टर का आवगमन अभी इतनी ऊंचाई पर नहीं हुआ है। और वह इकानामिकल भी नहीं पाया गया है।

Shri Chattopadhyaya : May I know if, after the aerodrome is built the pilgrims who go to Badrinath will be free from taxation ?

Shri Raj Bahadur : I have already submitted that it is not possible for us to think of constructing a full-fledged aerodrome in Badrinath because of so many technical difficulties.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : It does not arise. Next question.

Arid Conditions

*64. **Shri Gidwani :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Goats are responsible for increase in arid conditions in dry localities ; and :

(b) if so, the measures adopted to prevent destruction of vegetation by them ?

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

(b) Measures to be adopted to prevent destruction of vegetation by goats are under active consideration.

Shri Gidwani : May I know whether Mr. Keith, Director of Soil Conservation and Mr. Batra, the Deputy Inspector General of Forest have submitted any note to the Government embodying their proposals and if so, what are their proposals ?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : Proposals with respect to what ?

Shri Gidwani : I want to know whether Mr. Keith, Director of Soil Conservation and the Deputy Inspector General of Forest have submitted any note embodying their proposals ?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : I would ask for notice.

Shri C. R. Narasimhan : Have Government got schemes for the co-existence of forest wealth and cattle wealth ?

Mr. Deputy-speaker : The question relates to goats ; so goat wealth.

Shri C. R. Narasimhan : Goats are part of cattle wealth.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : Cattle wealth does not arise out of this question.

Shri C. R. Narasimhan : My question is, are there schemes for the coexistence of forest wealth and cattle wealth.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : There are some experts who advocate the elimination of goats altogether.

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Shri C. R. Narasimhan : One question Sir.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : No more questions. Order, order; as soon as a question is over hon. Members must resume their normal temperament.

Rail Transport

*65. **Shri Dabhi :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have finalised the programme of Rail transport for the Second Five Year Plan ; and

(b) the details of the proposals submitted by the various State Governments ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) No, Sir. The proposals are under examination by the Planning Commission.

(b) As the proposals are still under examination, it would not be advisable to give the detailed proposals received from the State Governments at this stage.

Shri Dabhi : May I know whether all Governments have submitted their proposals and whether there are any who have not submitted their proposals ?

Shri Alagesan : Except some Part C States, all the States have submitted.

Shri Dabhi : Is it a fact that the Government programme during the Second Five Year Plan is to construct 3000 miles of railway and, if so, whether any approximate number of miles have been allotted to the different zones and regions ?

Shri Alagesan : We have not yet reached that stage. It is true that our plan is to construct 3000 miles of new railway.

Shri Damodara Menon : It has been stated that the State Governments are to submit their final reports by the 15th August. The hon. Minister said that except for some Part C States, he has received final reports from others. Is that so ?

*Expunged as ordered by the Chair.