

"Pothundi" Scheme

*1925. **Shri I. Eacharan:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the "Pothundi" Scheme in Chittur taluks, of Travancore-Cochin State has been investigated; and

(b) if so, the extent of area which will be benefited by this Scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 9128 acres.

Shri I. Eacharan: May I know what is the estimated cost of the Scheme and whether the State Government has proposed to take it up in the Second Plan?

Shri Hathi: The State Government has ultimately dropped this.

Mr. Speaker: Next Question.

Shri Velayudhan: One supplementary, Sir?

Mr. Speaker: No.

Milk Supply and Village Plans

*1926. **Shri Debendra Nath Sarma:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state the amount allotted for (i) Milk-Supply, and (ii) Village Plans in the Second Five Year Plan for Assam?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (i) Rs. 17.7 lakhs.

(ii) The entire National Extension and Community Development programme as well as programmes for increasing agricultural production and developing rural social services are undertaken as village plans. Hence there are no separate allotments under the head 'Village plans'.

Shri Debendra Nath Sarma: May I know what is the *per capita* consumption of milk in Assam?

Shri S. N. Mishra: I would require notice for that.

Shri Debendra Nath Sarma: May I know whether the Government considers this amount of milk as sufficient?

Shri S. N. Mishra: Obviously this amount may not be sufficient in relation to the needs, but we had many other considerations to take into account to make the Assam plan a realistically good plan.

Shri Debendra Nath Sarma: What is the total amount of the village plans as stated by the hon. Minister?

Shri S. N. Mishra: The village plans were integrated with the State plans and so it would be difficult for me to give a break-up of the kind the hon. Member requires. But as I have indicated in my main reply there are many heads of programmes which are included in the village plans such as the agricultural production programme, rural service and all that. They will have to be added up to give the picture of the village plans the hon. Member has in mind.

Ashoka Hotel in Delhi

*1927. **Shri K. P. Tripathi:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether order have been placed for refrigerators for Ashoka Hotel in Delhi;

(b) if so, for how many, and for what amount;

(c) the party with which they have been placed;

(d) whether any tenders had been called for; and

(e) if so what were the parties and what were the highest and the lowest amounts?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri P. S. Naskar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 337 refrigerators of the value of Rs. 3 lakhs approximately.

(c) M/s. Phillips Electrical Co. Ltd.

(d) Established Suppliers of refrigerators were invited to submit quotations.

(e) A statement is placed on the table of the House. [See Appendix XII, Annexure No. 14].

Shri K. P. Tripathi: May I know which of these companies manufacture refrigerators in India?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply, Commerce and Consumer Industries (Sardar Swaran Singh): I do not think any of them actually manufactures here. They might be doing assembly work here.

Shri K. P. Tripathi: Which are those which are assembling here?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I will require notice for that.