

### Agricultural Production

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- \*34. { Shri Vishram Prasad:  
Shri R. G. Dubey:  
Shri Hem Barua:  
Shri Bhakt Darshan:  
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah.  
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:  
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:  
Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:  
Shri Mohan Swarup:  
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Group appointed to bring about closer integration of agriculture, community development and co-operation programmes has recommended unified control of all departments and agencies concerned with agricultural production from the State to the village level;

(b) other main recommendations made by Working Group for increasing agricultural production; and

(c) Government's reaction to the recommendations?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) Yes.

(b) A statement, giving the main recommendations bearing on agricultural production, is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library, See No. 27-1827/63].

(c) Action on the report is to be taken by the State Governments. Copies of the Report of the Working Group have been sent to the Chief Ministers for consideration and implementation of the recommendations.

**श्री विश्राम प्रसाद :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह जो सिफारिशें कमेटी की हैं वे कब तक लागू की जायेंगी।

**डा० राम सुभग सिंह :** अभी १८ अक्टूबर को इस कमेटी की रिपोर्ट मुख्य मंत्रियों के पास मजी गई है, उन में से ८ मुख्य मंत्रियों ने अपनी इत्तिला भेजी है और बाकी लोगों से भी बातचीत चल रही है। उन लोगों का कहना है कि वह इस पर अभी अपने साथियों से काफी विचार करके अपनी राय भेजेंगे।

**Shri Vishram Prasad:** How far hindrances like economic position of the cultivators, lack of irrigation, fragmentation of holdings and defective land tenure system have played their part in not increasing the agricultural production in India?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** This question does not directly relate to this report. This report is in regard to co-ordinating the activities of different Ministries which are concerned with agricultural production. But I am prepared to reply to this question also if you so permit.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shri Hem Barua.

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know if the attention of Government has been drawn to a recent statement made by our President to the effect that the retardation in agricultural progress is due to "lack of true, wise leadership and administrative inefficiency"; if so,..... (Interruption).

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** On a point of order, Sir, Can the President's statement be discussed on the floor of the House?

**Some Hon. Members:** Why not?

**Shri Hem Barua:** It can be quoted verbatim.

**Shri Daji:** It can be quoted and unquoted.

**Mr. Speaker:** Now he does not want my decision, I suppose, because others have given it.

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know what steps Government have proposed to take to improve matters on this score or whether this committee has made any recommendation towards the improvement of matters relating to these facts?

**Mr. Speaker:** He asked his supplementary in a very beautiful manner; now he is trying to spoil it.

**Shri Hem Barua:** Because of your witty remark I was made to laugh.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** I have not only seen the statement but I was there when the President delivered that speech. How can the Government disown what he said? Anything coming from the mouth of the President shall have to be accepted by the Government.

**श्री भक्त दर्शन :** इस कमेटी ने जो सिफारिशों की हैं उन के अनुसार राज्य स्तर पर स्टेट लेवल पर तो आपस में सहयोग स्थापित करके व्यवस्था की जायगी लेकिन केन्द्र में किस तरीके से सहयोग स्थापित हो रहा है क्योंकि कहानियां प्रचलित हैं कि बहुत बड़ा गम्भीर मतभेद चल रहा है ?

**डा० राम सुभग सिंह :** कहानियां तो मुझे सुनने को नहीं मिली हैं लेकिन केन्द्र में अभी एक कृषि उत्पादन बोर्ड की स्थापना की गई है जिसमें उन नमाम मंत्रालयों के मंत्री सम्मिलित हैं जिन मंत्रालयों के सम्बन्ध में राज्य सरकारों को भी उम कमेटी द्वारा इत्तिला दी गई है कि सचिवों के स्तर पर वहां एक समन्वय स्थापित किया जाय ।

**Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:** From the statement it is not clear whether the financial assistance that has to be given to the agriculturists for increasing agricultural production is to be routed through the cooperatives. I want to know whether it is the desire of the Government that all the assistance is to be routed through the cooperatives.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Government have accepted that in principle and we are also trying that it should be implemented expeditiously.

**श्री रामेश्वरानन्द :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि सहकारी कृषि कार्यक्रम जब ऊंचे स्तर पर आयागा, तो क्या मनुष्य की व्यक्तिगत स्वतंत्रता नष्ट तो नहीं हो जायगी, जिस से प्रजातंत्र पर आघात पहुँचे ।

**डा० राम सुभग सिंह :** जहां तक मेरी समझ है, अगर खेती में काम करने वाले

लोगों को पूरी स्वतंत्रतापूर्वक और उन की इच्छा के अनुकूल काम करने का मौका मिले, तो स्वतंत्रता और अधिक बढ़ जायगी ।

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** From the statement I find that it has been decided that at the district level there will be agricultural production committees formed by the zila parishads or independently of the zila parishad if it is not there. I would like to know whether these committees have already been set up throughout India and whether they are only of an advisory character or will they really have any connection with the Cabinet level committee which is also being set up and also whether the work can continue expeditiously.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** It will have the effect on the Cabinet-level committee also because already a sub-committee of the Cabinet has been constituted in different States and there is the secretarial committee presided over by the Chief Secretary. According to this report, it has been recommended that under the zila parishads, wherever zila parishads have been set up, there should be agricultural production committees under the chairmanship of the District Magistrate or the Deputy Commissioner, whatever may be the system. The Secretary will be the agricultural officer or the horticultural officer or the animal husbandry officer depending on the work which might be predominant in that area. The entire thing will be very effectively linked institutionally from the Secretary level upto the village level because at the village level also there is an idea to constitute such a committee.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** I also wanted to know whether it will be of an advisory character.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** This will plan its activities and also have the full powers to implement them.

**Shri Tyagi:** As I could understand from the question, the recommendation was for a unified control and

that, of course, did not mean any coordinating committees here and there. I want a clarification as to what advice the Government have given to the State Governments with regard to obtaining unified control, a sort of unified control over the agricultural departments, community development and cooperation. Have the Government got unified control at the Centre, for I thought charity began always at home?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** As my hon. friend knows, the work is chiefly done at the State level and the district level, and what he says is acceptable to me that charity must begin at home. But the Committee was entrusted with the task of making recommendations from the State level point of view because it was the State Agriculture Ministers and Community Development Ministers' Conference who jointly set up this Committee to suggest how best to coordinate their activities and the Committee recommended that not only the activities should be coordinated but also one apparatus should be created and that apparatus would be that there will be one Secretary and all the departments should be merged together.

**Shri Tyagi:** There are a number of Ministries at the Centre dealing with this work. I wanted to know if they are just having a unified control. There are so many different Ministries. The joint responsibility is there of the whole Cabinet. I want to know whether these departments are coming under one Ministry so that they can have a unified control.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** That Committee, as I said, made recommendations only with regard to the Government machinery, and what my hon. friend says concerns the political issue. The Committee recommended about the creation of one apparatus.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Evidently, this is another experiment at coordination. May I know whether any

time-limit has been fixed to determine its failure?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Should I reply to this question?

**Mr Speaker:** Shri Sonavane.

**Shri Tyagi:** The previous question has not been replied to yet.

**Shri Sonavane:** In addition to this unified control of the departments, may I know whether any actual machinery has been set up at the State level to see that whatever targets are fixed are actually fulfilled?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Actually, this does not relate to any target. It is only in regard to the apparatus, but the apparatus is going to be set up with a view to achieving the targets.

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क्या साक्ष तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या चीनी मिलों को गन्ने के संभरण के लिए इस वर्ष भी कोई विशेष कार्यवाही की गई है ;

(ख) क्या इस व्यवस्था का गन्ना पेरने के उद्योग पर विपरीत प्रभाव पड़ने की संभावना है ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ राज्य सरकारों ने गन्ने के मूल्य और बढ़ाने का सुझाव दिया है और यदि हाँ, तो उस पर भारत सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?