

कृषि मंत्री (डा० पी० एल० बेजामुख) :

देहाती कर्ज को पाइलट स्कीम बम्बई, हिमाचल प्रदेश और राजस्थान में चालू कर दी गई है। इस काम के लिये चुने गये केन्द्रों का विवरण सभा की मेज पर रख दिया गया है। [दिल्लिये परिशिष्ट १, अनुबन्ध संख्या १३]

श्री श्रीनारायण दास : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस प्रकार की अग्रगामी योजना और दूसरे प्रान्तों में भी निकट भविष्य में चालू की जाने वाली है, यदि हाँ, तो वे कौन से प्रान्त हैं ?

डा० पी० एल० बेजामुख : हमने प्रथम मई को इसके लिए एक सर्कुलर जारी किया था और उसके बाद हमें बहुत सी प्रोजेक्ट्स मिलीं। अभी चन्द सूबों ने और कुछ प्रोजेक्ट्स भेजी हैं। इन सब को एग्जिमिन करने के बाद हम कह सकेंगे कि कहां कहां चालू यह होगी।

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डा० पी० एल० बेजामुख : प्लानिंग कमीशन ने हमें इस बात के लिये दो करोड़ रुपया दिया था और यह तय हुआ था उस मिनिस्टर्ज ऑफ़ कोऑपरेशन की कानफ़ेंस में, जो यहां १६ अप्रैल को हुई थी, कि पहले दो सालों में, यह १६५५-५६ और १६५६-५७ में यह पाइलट स्कीम तरीके पर हाथ में ली जाये। इसका खास तौर पर यह काम होगा कि अच्छी सोसाइटियां हम बनायें, अगर कहीं सोसाइटियां हैं, तो उनको हम एमेलगेमट करें, उनको स्ट्रेंगथन करने की, उनकी ताकत बढ़ाने की, हम कोशिश करें। यदि कहीं पर मार्केटिंग सोसाइटीज हों तो वह काम उनको दें। यह स्कीम के कुछ खास पहलू हैं।

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केन्द्र का और प्रान्त का बित्त के सम्बन्ध में किस प्रकार का नियमन होगा ?

डा० पी० एल० बेजामुख : जैसा कि मैं ने कहा, दो करोड़ रुपया प्लानिंग कमीशन ने दिया है। हम चाहते हैं कि उसमें से १ करोड़ २५ लाख बतौर लोन के दिया जाये और २५ लाख ग्रांट्स के रूप में दिया जाये।

श्री धुलेकर : क्या मंत्री महोदय को मालूम है कि किसानों को कोऑपरेटिव सोसाइटीज से बहुत ज्यादा ब्याज पर रुपया उधार मिलता है। इस योजना में इस सम्बन्ध में इस बात पर गौर किया गया है। या नहीं और यह दो करोड़ रुपया इस दिशा में सहायता करेगा या नहीं ?

डा० पी० एल० बेजामुख : हमारी यह बहुत सालों से कोशिश है कि किसानों को सस्ती दर पर रुपया उधार मिल सके और यह हमारा लक्ष्य है कि सबा ६ परसेंट से ज्यादा ब्याज उनको न देना पड़े। मैं समझता हूँ कि यह कार्यवाही उसी ध्यान से और उसी उद्देश्य से की जा रही है और मैं समझता हूँ कि यह सम्भव है कि उसमें काफी कमी हो जायेगी।

Playgrounds for Railway Employees

*49. Shri V. P. Nayar : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways administration have any proposal under the Second Five Year Plan to build stadia and playgrounds for Railway employees;

(b) if so, the targets fixed in each case; and

(c) the amount proposed to be spent under the plan for the promotion of sports, games and physical exercise of the Railway employees?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railway and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b) The Railway's Second Five Year Plan has not been finalised as yet. Adequate funds will be earmarked for such staff welfare works after the Plan has been approved.

(c) Railways provide funds annually for such activities out of their Staff Funds and such expenditure is not chargeable to the Plan.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know what percentage of the railway workers have facilities at present for regular play and physical exercises as a result of the arrangements provided by the railway administration?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The railway employees number nearly a million persons and we have not worked out exactly the percentages who benefit from it; but I can tell the hon. Member that any railway employee who is keen on sports can have the necessary facilities for recreation.

Shri V. P. Nayar: In view of the fact that the railways have abundant quantities of cinder and also in view of the fact that cinder tracks are quite few in India, may I know whether Government have any schemes under which the railways will have cinder tracks laid down at important railway junctions?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I do not know whether the railways have any comprehensive schemes for having cinder tracks; but the hon. Member knows that the railways provide some of the best hockey teams and athletes in India.

Shri V. P. Nayar: I would like to know whether in discussing the draft second Five Year Plan any authorities or agencies working in or outside the railways have been consulted in regard to evolving a scheme for the promotion of physical culture among the million and odd railway staff?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): I do not know whether it is necessary to consult outside authorities; the railways should be able enough to plan it out. Of course, the details of the Plan will have to be prepared later on when the actual allotment has been made.

Zoo in Delhi

*50. **Shri Radha Raman:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 726 on the 10th March, 1955 and state:

(a) the progress made so far with regard to the setting up of a Zoo in Delhi near Purana Qila in New Delhi;

(b) when the Zoo is expected to start functioning; and

(c) whether the services of any foreigner are being utilized to organise it and if so, his name?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) The progress made so far is as follows:—

(i) Appointment of a Superintendent and some Executive and ministerial staff;

(ii) An expert has been procured under the Colombo Plan to advise Government on the project;

(iii) An Action Committee has been set up to watch and speed up progress;

(iv) Initial preparation of site has been undertaken;

(v) Plans, designs and estimates for constructions are being prepared;

(vi) A nursery for raising plants has been prepared.

(b) It is too early yet to state, but it may be possible to open it to the public in the later half of 1957.

(c) Yes, Sir. Major A. N. Woinman, Director of the Zoological Gardens, Colombo.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know what was the duration of stay in Delhi of the expert who came to India and whether he has made any recommendations which would change the original plan of the Government?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I would like to have notice of this question.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know if the hon. Minister will be able to inform us what sections are being considered for inclusion in the zoo which is under preparation?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Actually, after all these consultations, we have decided not to have an ordinary zoo, but to have a zoological cum botanical park, which has to a certain extent changed the plans.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether there is any programme for the development of this zoo and if so what are the important features of that programme?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I cannot state the important features of that programme; but I can assure the hon. Member that we are personally interested in the progress of the scheme and everything possible will be done. We have also an Action Committee to speed up progress.