

inconvenient to the people serving in government offices. Their children have to go to school at a particular hour; they have to arrange for their meals etc. and also adjust their programme accordingly. Besides, looking at the present arrangements, it was found that any other arrangement whereby different offices are opened at different hours would also be not conducive to the efficiency and expeditious disposal of office work.

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: Do Government contemplate restoring the Saturday-off and rearrange the work for the rest of the week, so that the employees can keep fit and take exercise on the off Saturdays?

Shri G. B. Pant: Well, I hope they are keeping fit, and I wish they could take exercise everyday. Why reserve the exercise only for one day in a fortnight?

श्री राम सिंह भाई वर्मा : जब गवर्नमेंट ने पे कमिशन की रिपोर्ट को एक ऐवार्ड को तीर पर स्वीकार करने की घोषणा की है तो फिर उस से काम लेने और छुट्टियों आदि के बारे में परिवर्तन क्यों किया गया है ?

श्री बी० बी० पन्त : ऐवार्ड के मुताबिक जो कि उसकी माली बातें हैं वही यानी उन की तन्स्वाह के बारे में और एलाउन्स के बारे में वही उन चीजों को गवर्नमेंट ने पूरी तरह माना है । मगर कुछ बातों का उन के फायदे के लिए बदलाव किया है और कुछ छोटी छोटी बातों में ऐसे बदलाव भी किये हैं जिन से कि उन को नुकसान न हो ।

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*84. { **Shri Osman Ali Khan:**
Shri Kodiyan:
Shrimati Renuka Ray:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Damani:
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri Pahadia:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Ayyakannu:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two-member World Bank Mission has since concluded discussions with Government regarding aid for Third Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the amount of aid expected from this source; and

(c) what are the projects in the Third Plan considered for assistance by this team?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) Not yet.

(b) It is not possible to indicate the amount of aid expected from the World Bank as that will depend on the projects which are finally selected by the Bank, for assistance.

(c) The Mission has indicated that it is tentatively considering the following projects for assistance:

- (i) Development of the Calcutta Port;
- (ii) Power development in the D.V.C. and Bombay areas;
- (iii) Production of coal in the private sector;
- (iv) Development of Railways; and
- (v) Additional funds for Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India.

No final decision has, however, yet been taken by the Bank in regard to any of these projects.

Shri Osman Ali Khan: May I know whether the assistance of the World Bank is being sought for the rural electrification programme which will improve the agricultural base of the Third Plan?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: That is for assistance from another organisation, that is, the International Development

Association. That project is being considered.

Shri Osman Ali Khan: May I know whether the assistance of the World Bank is being sought for the development of the Madras and Bombay ports?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: I gave a list of the five projects for which assistance is being sought at present.

Shri Raghunath Singh: May I know whether it is aid or loan and if it is a loan, what are the terms about interest and mode of payment?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: It is in the preliminary stage. The Bank gives loans at rates of interest that vary from time to time. If the hon. Member asks a question, I can give the interest of the past loans.

Shri Raghunath Singh: For the present one?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: It is being considered. Whether they will be included for loan or not, it is premature to say.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that besides the direct loans, the Bank proposes bilateral aid through an international consortium and if so, what is the nature of it?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: That is under the Aid India Club. A meeting is proposed to be held in April in which the matter will come up.

Shri Damani: The heading of the question is, World Bank aid for Third Plan. I want to know if it will be aid or we have applied for loan or both and if both, how much for aid and how much for loan.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: Aid is a general term in which loans are included. The Bank gives loans, not aid.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that Joseph Rucinski, Director of operations made a statement to the effect that the Bank is formulating its basic approach towards our Plans, and if so, whether that approach is being formulated or not by now?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: The Mission that is at present touring came for two purposes. The first was to make a fresh study of the economic situation and the prospects in the country. The second was to examine the projects for which assistance can be given. Both these are going on at present. Although the leader Mr. Rucinski has left, the other Members are still in the country.

Shri Kodiyan: May I know what is the total amount of assistance asked for by the Government from the World Bank, and whether this aid from the Bank is intended to meet the entire expenditure of the schemes to be selected for this purpose in the Third Plan or to meet only the foreign exchange requirements of the schemes?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: I could not follow the second part of the question. To the first part, as I understand it, how much we have asked for from the Bank, we have not given any figures. They select the projects. If the projects are finalised, that would give us the quantum of aid that we will get.

Shri Kodiyan: Is it for the entire project or for the foreign exchange requirements only?

Mr. Speaker: Are they giving the loan for whatever might be the expenditure for the entire project or only to meet the foreign exchange expenditure?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: The foreign exchange content not for the entire expenditure.

Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri: May I know whether it is left to the Bank to select the projects or we submit certain proposals and we select ourselves the projects and place them before the Bank and then the Bank makes the selection?

Mr. Speaker: It is obvious.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: These projects are selected after series of discussions with the departments concerned. At present, the mission that is in the country has met the departments of the Government of India, the State Governments and some of the private organisations also. They are selected after very intensive study and discussion.

Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri: That is not the question.

Mr. Speaker: It is obvious. The hon. Member wants to know whether in the first instance tentative proposals regarding the projects are made by the Government and then submitted for consideration to the World Bank.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: The World Bank by itself does not do so.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: It is mooted by us.

Mr. Speaker: Whoever wants a loan has to do that.

Shri Chintamoni Panigrahi: May I know whether the World Bank will have the final say while sanctioning aid for these projects or the Government of India will be in a position to get this money from the World Bank on its own terms.

Mr. Speaker: It is the lender who has the final say.

Shri Chintamoni Panigrahi: If it has the final say, the difficulty is, the Government of India wants to develop coal mines in the public sector in the Third Plan but the World Bank wants to help the coal mines in the private sector.

Mr. Speaker: I am not going to allow what is obvious. The lender wants to be satisfied about the soundness of a project. If he is not satisfied, what is the meaning of final say with us?

Shri Braj Raj Singh: On a point of order, Sir, the hon. Minister was heard to say that the World Bank is considering giving aid for exploitation of coal in the private sector. The Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956 says that fresh coal shall be exploited in the public sector. How can they do that? That is the point.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: The hon. Member is misconstruing the answer. I said in the projects, production of coal in the private sector. It is not banned. A part of the production is in the private sector at present.

Mr. Speaker: Existing production.

Shri Hem Barua: It should be additional quantity in the private sector.

Shri Muhammed Elias: May I know whether the Government is aware that the Chief Minister of West Bengal Dr. B. C. Roy is negotiating with the World Bank for a loan of Rs. 200 crores for the development of Greater Calcutta and whether that loan or aid comes under this Third Plan aid?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): No.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Is he negotiating?

Mr. Speaker: It is not included. That is how I understand.