

Investigations made into Sale of Share by M/s. Shaw Wallace and Co., Ltd.

Cut in Annual Plan Outlay for Agriculture and Allied Programmes

380. SHRI S. N. MISRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the progress so far made in the investigations into all the aspects of the matter relating to the sale by M/s. Shaw Wallace & Co., Ltd. of their share in M/s. R G Shaw & Company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) The investigations have not yet been completed.

नीमच के टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज के बारे में शिकायतें

381. डा० लक्ष्मी नारायण पांडेय : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि -

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में नीमच के टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज के बारे में जनता से कुछ शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं, और

(ख) यदि हा, तो उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री० शंकर सिंह) : (क) जी हा ।

(ख) जो भी शिकायतें मिली थी उन पर तत्परता से कार्रवाई की गई थी । नीमच के स्थानीय और ट्रंक एक्सचेंज के संपूर्ण कार्यकरण में सुधार लाने के लिए हाल ही में एक विशेष अभियान चलाया गया था । सभी डी० पी० पुन स्थापित किए गए थे और उपरने मार्गों वाले भारी तारों के नेक्शनो की जगह जमींदोज केबुल बिछा दिए गए थे । उपभोक्ताओं के टेलीफोन यंत्रों की जांच की गई, उन्हें ठीक किया गया और जहां भी आवश्यक हुआ उन्हें बदल दिया गया । अब इस टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज का कार्यकरण सतोषजनक है । इस पर लगातार निगरानी रखी जा रही है ।

382. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH GILL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the annual plan (1974-75) outlay for agriculture and allied programmes has been slashed considerably; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, keeping in view the food situation in the country and the proposed imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) (a) and (b). No, Sir It is not correct to say that the outlays for agriculture and allied programmes included in the Annual Plan 1974-75 have been slashed considerably. However, in view of the difficult economic situation prevailing in the country the Government have set up two committees to examine the possibilities of effecting economy in both Plan and non-Plan expenditure during the current year. These committees are examining the various sectors of the Annual Plan including agriculture and allied sectors.

Major Irrigation projects held up due to Inter-State Disputes

383 SHRI MOHINDER SINGH GILL: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to inter-State disputes pending clearance by the Centre, the work has almost frozen on more than 124 major irrigation projects that normally should have been completed long ago at much lower costs;