

that the process was laborious and therefore it took a little time. I hope the hon. Minister will try to clear these letters of intent and licences pending with the Government. They refer to the setting up of plants for sponge iron, shoddy yarn, paper and pulp, soap, refractories etc. The licenses should be given.

The demand for a second steel plant in Orissa is pending with the Government. We got a very favourable answer when the Prime Minister went to Orissa and in this House also. Orissa has rich deposits of iron ore. So this should be considered in the Fifth Plan. I thought that the hon. Minister would throw some light on the progress that has been made because a Committee had been appointed to go into the location of the future steel plants. I wanted to know what the Government had done for undertaking locational survey etc. for future steel plants. The work should start even in the Fifth Plan.

Lastly I want to mention this. Respected Ministers like Dharua and Dhar—the names sound similar—have mentioned a particular sum for the development of the backward regions, but the approach paper to the Fifth Plan does not clearly mention the figure. Mr. Chairman, you also belong to the backward region and there was a conference of Members of Parliament and we had approached the Prime Minister, the Planning Minister and other Ministers also and they have gone on record that Rs. 3,300 crores had been allotted separately for the development of the backward regions, but that has not been mentioned in the approach paper. I think this should be mentioned. Secondly Rs. 3,300 crores is insufficient and this sum should be raised to Rs. 8,000 crores. The outlay on the Fifth Plan is estimated to be Rs. 51,000 crores. The value of the rupee is only thirty five paise and so it would increase to Rs. 61,000 crores if you actually want to achieve what you have planned and it may even go up to Rs. 71,000 crores, the way the prices are rising.

I would have been glad if the government had accepted this resolution. My friend has requested me to withdraw this resolution. I request your permission to do so. I thank the hon. Members who had given overwhelming support to this resolution. Though I am withdrawing the resolution, I hope the eastern region of India will develop very soon with the assistance of the Central Government and the Planning Commission so that at the end of the Fifth Plan no-body would complain that the benefits of planned deve-

lopment were not as widespread as they were expected to be and that the benefits had not gone to all sections of the people.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Has the hon. Member leave of the House to withdraw the resolution?

The Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn

17.35 hrs.

RESOLUTION RE: PEASANT DOCTORS

DR. G. S. MELKOTE (Hyderabad): Sir I beg to move the following resolution:

"This House welcomes the scheme of Peasant Doctors to serve the rural population and urges upon the Government to take steps to implement the same expeditiously."

I have pleasure in mentioning that during the last two or three years certain significant developments have taken place.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You can continue next time.

17.36 hrs.

HALF-AN-HOUR DISCUSSION

PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATING IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FIFTH PLAN

MR. CHAIRMAN: We shall take up half-an-hour discussion by Shri Samar Guha. There are four Members who want to ask questions and they must be given five minutes. So, Samar Guha may take ten minutes.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA (Contai): Fifteen minutes should be given to me.

Sir, Lenin will be remembered by the whole humanity—not only as one of the greatest revolutionaries of our century but also as the integral father of planned economy for evolving the concept of planning. Had he lived his full life, perhaps, his idea of 'All Power to Soviets' would have given a different orientation to the concept as also the structure of planning in Soviet Russia. After him, the planning got a completely different orientation—a totalitarian orientation in Russia—at the cost of millions of lives and at the cost of the sufferings of millions more in the concentration camps and slave camps in Siberia.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Just a second. Are we dealing with Planning in Soviet Russia