

The cost of supplying water to one village in Rajasthan is sufficient enough to supply water to 20 villages in U. P. and Bihar. Therefore, I want to know whether the Government would consider about cost consideration and accordingly change the norms for such areas with a view to giving them special assistance under the A. R. P. ?

**SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR :** With regard to your suggestion I would say that the Hon. Speaker also comes from the same area. One day when I was replying to a question, he had said that I should do it quickly and that he would recommend me for Padma Vibhushan...

**MR. SPEAKER :** I had said about Param Veer Chakra.

**SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR :** Therefore, I am looking after all these things. I think my responsibility is towards him...

**MR. SPEAKER :** I am keeping a close watch.

**SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV :** You tell us whether norms would be changed in case of Rajasthan or not ?

*(Interruptions)*

**SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR :** Only Rajasthan in India...

**SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV :** Rajasthan cannot get water unless the norms are changed. Change of norms for Rajasthan should be announced.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Mr Minister, how have you replied to his supplementary when I did not allow ?

**SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV :** The Hon. Minister has replied that in 1980 the States were asked to give a list of villages and towns which faced acute shortage of drinking water. In the meantime, the conditions have undergone a change, population has registered an unprecedented increase and there has also been some migration of population from one place to another. As such, the population of cities has increased and new markets have come up in the villages which do not have

arrangement for drinking water. Therefore, will the Hon. Minister consider asking for new lists of scarcity prone villages and cities for the Seventh Five Year Plan ? At the same time, I would like to ask a specific question in this regard. Varanasi is quite an important city as compared to other cities and pilgrims from all parts of the country go there. But there is acute shortage of drinking water there. Yesterday only, I took a round of a number of localities where people had to fetch water from the streets. It was a terrible situation. It was in this context that I had requested the Hon. Prime Minister to allocate an amount of Rs. 4 crores, otherwise a terrible situation is likely to be created in the coming summer season. Will the Hon. Minister give it a consideration and take steps in this regard ?

**SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR :** So far as the question of allocation of funds is concerned, we are not in a position to say that an amount of Rs. 4 crores would be allocated.

So far as the plea of an elderly Member like you that there will be commotion in Varanasi, is concerned, it is indeed a big problem. I shall talk to the Chief Minister of your State and ask him what he is going to do in this matter. There may be any Government, but when there is such a problem, it has to be solved. On our part, we shall do whatever is possible in a difficult situation like this.

*[English]*

#### Development of National Capital Region

+

\*828. **SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :**  
**DR. B. L. SHAILESH :**

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the development of National Capital Region would be speeded up during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the main outlines of the plan, the allocation made for the purpose and the programmes included for execution in the Plan as a whole as also separately for each year ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Capital Region Planning Board is in the process of preparing a comprehensive regional plan, which would contain the details of the programmes to be executed under the regional plan and which would necessitate additionality of outlays. Against the allocation of Rs. 35 crores earmarked during the current plan, an amount of Rs. 3.9 crores was released during the year 1985-86 and the amount of Rs. 4.25 crores is being released during the year 1986-87. The balance amount of Rs. 26.85 crores will be spent during the remaining years of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

[Translation]

**SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, just now the Hon. Minister has informed about the amount of funds released for the development of National Capital Region. He has also stated that an allocation of Rs. 35 crores has been made for this purpose during the current plan. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister the criterion according to which this allocation has been made and the programmes to be implemented with this amount of Rs. 35 crores? The Hon. Minister's reply—

[English]

“The National Capital Region Planning Board is in the process of preparing a comprehensive regional plan...”

[Translation]

—does not make anything clear. I want to know for which work have you allocated the funds without planning? Also, how much expenditure has been incurred on this scheme during the last two years and what is the quantum of work done?

**THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) :** Perhaps, the Hon. Member wants to know the details of about Rs. 4 crores released

during the year 1985-86. As you know, the National Capital Region Planning Board was set up on 27th March, 1985 and it is 28th April, 1986 today. Thus, only a period of 13 months has passed since this Board came into being, whereas it took centuries for Delhi to build and re-build. Do you think all this will be done in a single day? That is just not possible. After the Board was set up, it convened a meeting which was attended by the Chief Ministers of all the States falling under National Capital Region. Their experts and all other people connected with this Act also took part in the meeting. We put forward a proposal before them to submit the draft plan of their respective regions suggesting as to how development should take place. They have submitted draft plans of their regions which include Rajasthan, Haryana and U.P. Thereafter, we constituted a committee of this Board and entrusted it with the work of future planning. It includes all things such as roads, development of towns, acquisition of land and evolving ways and means to reduce Delhi's population and to provide necessary infrastructure in the neighbouring region for this purpose. Only a year has passed since this Board was set up and during this short period we have drawn a blueprint of these things. We have kept all these things in view and I would like to inform the House that things like “Demographic Features of the Region and Regional Settlement and Land Use” will also be taken care of by this Board. Thereafter, regional roads, national highways, metropolitan transport will come and then the question of water supply will also come, to which reference has been made just now. When some people will migrate from one place to the other, the question of water supply is sure to come up. Fourthly, the question of power will also come up. Fifth question is of industries.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Be brief.

**SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR :** The Planning Committee of the Board has been constituted exclusively to consider all these things. They have given us a rough idea after considering all these aspects and according to this rough estimate we need a minimum of about Rs. 867 crores for this

work so as to enable us to implement all these schemes. As of now, we have been allocated only an amount of Rs. 35 crores and we are taking up as much work as possible with this amount.

**MR. SPEAKER :** The Hon. Minister is so busy with this work that he is giving you complete information along with the dates.

**SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR :** Therefore, you need not worry. As soon as we get more allocation, more work would be taken up.

**SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the reply given by the Hon. Minister...

**MR. SPEAKER :** Are you not satisfied even after such a detailed reply ?

**SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :** No, Sir. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister the time by which this scheme would be implemented and the names of the States along with the details of the projects on which this amount of Rs. 3.9 crores allocated in 1985-86 has been spent ?

**SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR :** I would like to tell the Hon. Member that the progress of the country has not been achieved in a single day. This scheme of National Capital Region was taken up in some areas a long back. These areas are Alwar, Bhiwani, Gurgaon, Panipat, Meerut and Hapur. In these areas, this scheme was going on earlier too.

**SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :** Is there none in Andhra Pradesh ?

**SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR :** I am coming to that. I shall read out the details of the amount released area-wise. This scheme had an outlay of Rs. 57 crores. The State Government also used to contribute its share. Ever since this Act was enacted, we have been giving them funds with the instruction not to abandon this scheme. An amount of Rs. 38 crores out of Rs. 57 crores has so far been spent and the work is continuing. Why do you worry ?

**SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV :** Since the name of Alwar has been mentioned, I.....

**MR. SPEAKER :** What do you want to ask Ram Singhji ?

**SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, this project of National Capital Region was started by Shrimati Indira Gandhi in 1975 when Bhagatji was the Minister of this Department and he had held a meeting at Alwar. Thereafter, the project report was prepared, the maps were drawn up. A comprehensive project report of all the projects failing in the periphery of 100 miles of Ring Railway and Ring Road was prepared. At that point of time, the Janata Party came into power and that Government totally shelved this project, because they did not want Delhi to be developed. Thus, this project did not get even a single paisa during three years of Janata Party rule. Not only that, the project itself was shelved. Now the present Prime Minister has again considered it and his attention has been drawn to the fast growing population of Delhi. Delhi's population can be checked only by building satellite towns and by providing them the same facilities which are at present available in Delhi. When this project was conceived, it was thought that some offices of the Central Government would be transferred to the neighbouring satellite towns. Therefore, I would like to know whether you have made adequate arrangements in the field of education, technical education in satellite towns of the National Capital Region in order to prevent any possible influx of student community or other population to Delhi... ..

**MR. SPEAKER :** Finish it now.

**SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV :** Have you made some provision for industrialisation in the project and if so, what is the progress in this regard ?

**MR. SPEAKER :** Stop it now. You have started telling a story ?

**SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR :** Mr. Speaker, Sir. I was to deliver this lecture,

he has done it for me instead. I too wanted.....

MR. SPEAKER : All right, then you may ditto him. Say 'As you wish'.

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOR : All right, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : Shri C. Madhav Reddi.

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL VYAS : Mr. Speaker, Sir, you have not allowed even the reply to come.

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOR : Let me give him the sample, you.....

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Minister, now we have already taken up the next question.

#### Funds for National Capital Region

+  
\*829. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI :  
SHRI TEJA SINGH DARDI :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a sum of only Rs. 35 crores has been allocated under the Seventh Five Year Plan for the development of the National Capital Region;

(b) if so, the actual amount demanded for the said purpose;

(c) whether the Government have asked the concerned departments to reconsider the matter; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the concerned Departments thereto ?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir. A sum of Rs. 35 crores has been allocated in the Central Sector for Urban Development under the National Capital Region schemes in the Seventh Plan;

(b) The National Capital Region Planning Board has prepared an integrated investment plan involving an expenditure of Rs. 867 crores;

(c) and (d). The question of providing additional funds for implementing the National Capital Region scheme is under process in consultation with Planning Commission and Finance Ministry.

[Translation]

SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI : Sir, just now, the Hon. Minister has stated that development of Delhi will take time. We have heard that the creation or construction of a thing takes time, but it could be destroyed in no time. Ever since this legislation was enacted and this project was propagated, my information is that the price of land in the Capital region has risen sharply. It has given rise to speculation and many people have started buying land incessantly. Government just announces a project and leaves it at that and does not implement it, as a result of which the price of land goes on increasing. I want to know whether the Government have given it a consideration and if so, do they propose to take some steps to check its further deterioration ?

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOR : There are many items in the market, the prices of which are rising, which are beyond our or your control. For example. I tell you that we got a survey conducted in respect of metropolitan and other big cities of the country to find out by how much the cost of construction has risen during the last five years. From the results of the survey we came to know that the increase was about 15 or 16 per cent. For instance, a bag of cement which earlier cost you Rs. 15 or 16 now cost you Rs. 50 or 60. Earlier the wages of a labourer were Rs. 7 or 8 per day. Now he charges Rs. 40 per day. Similarly, the wages of the carpenter have increased. The increase is also attributed to the increased price of wood. As and when these developments take place, we also do research so as to bring the cost down.

It is a fact that unfortunately a large number of refugees thronged the capital