

LOK SABHA

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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

[Translation]

SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Happy new year to you, sir.

MR. SPEAKER : So kind of you.

SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : I have heard that you were run out yesterday.

MR. SPEAKER : Had I been run out, I would not have been here in the Chair today.

SHRI V. TULSIRAM : It does not matter if you were run out there, see that you do not declare us run out here.

MR. SPEAKER : We both are on the same side. Big people can leave their own people but we shall not leave each other. Do not rely on big people much.

MEMBER SWORN

Shri Ashok Shankarrao Chavan
(Nanded).

[English]

SHRI SURESH KURUP : Sir, are you not congratulating us ?

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER : Why have you come late today ?

[English]

SHRI H.A. DORA : He did not get the Home portfolio.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

Plan for N.C.R.

*449. SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA† :
SHRI S.G. GHOLAP : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any final decision has been taken on the requests of participating States for inclusion of certain towns to be developed as satellite towns under the N.C.R. plan ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the details of development plans submitted by the participating States for their respective towns ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Capital Region Planning Board has approved the development of 8 towns/complexes (out of 58 towns proposed by the participating States) on priority basis in order to achieve the NCR objectives by 2001 AD.

(b) The towns/complexes identified for priority development are Meerut, Hapur and Bulandshahr-Khurja in Uttar Pradesh ; Panipat, Rohtak, Palwal and Rewari-Dharuhera—Bhiwadi (Rajasthan) in Haryana ; and Alwar in Rajasthan.

(c) The investment plans submitted by the participati the states included 7 regional towns and 11 growth centres in Uttar Pradesh ; 9 regional towns and 19 growth centres in Haryana and 4 regional towns and 8 growth centres in Rajasthan, for provision/upgradation of urban, rural and regional infrastructure.

SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I welcome the concept of the N.C.R. and express my thanks to the

Ministry in this regard. But, Sir, this problem is not confined to Delhi alone ; this is a country-wide problem because due to urbanisation, the rural people are fast migrating to the cities. You have included the adjoining states of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan as also Madhya Pradesh in the N.C.R. Plan, besides Delhi. But I would like to know whether this plan is being extended to other big cities like Bombay, Calcutta, Madras etc. also ? The hon. Minister has taken a special note of this country-wide problem and we are going to organise a workshop on how to check this influx from villages to cities, which is causing a number of problems. Therefore, are you going to extend this plan to other cities as well ?

There is yet another question involved. The hon. Minister had stated in his statement a copy of which is with me that we would have to wait till the middle of 1987 for which there is some time. But I would like to know whether the required funds have been provided in the budget of the current year for this plan by the Centre ? If so, the amount thereof and whether the plan is being extended to the whole of India ?

SHRI DALBIR SINGH : If the hon. Member is referring to the situation created in the country due to urbanisation, the position is that the Hon. Prime Minister had set up the Charles Korea Commission, the first interim report of which has since been received. There are 555 cities whose population is growing at the rate of 4.3 per cent. In addition to it, the hon. Member has asked about the N.C.R. In our report, we have paid special attention towards eight towns so that by 2001 the population of Delhi is restricted to 112 lakhs and the rest is adjusted in these towns. As regards the hon. Member's question about the funds provided in the Seventh Five Year Plan for the N.C.R. I would like to inform that a sum of Rs. 65 crores has been provided against Rs. 867 crores needed during this plan. There is a shortage of funds. We are taking up this matter with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission as to how the resources can be mobilized for it and our endeavour is to see that we have adequate resources to remove all these problems.

SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is not a question of Rs. 800 crores ; Rs. 3040 crores are needed to complete the N.C.R. plan. It is not a question of development of towns surrounding Delhi only. There is also the question of development of other towns throughout the country. This amount of Rs. 3040 crores is for this plan alone. I would like to know whether you propose to raise for the whole of the country so that the problems of other places, besides Delhi, could be solved? What is happening today ? When my colleagues from this side as well as from that side visit the countryside, they often hear people saying the Government's attention is centred in and around Delhi and that they are not paying any attention to the farflung areas. Recently, I visited Setubandh Rameshwaram and found that the plight of the fishermen there and of the area around it was miserable...

MR. SPEAKER : You put the question.

SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA : I am asking the question in brief. The problem is a gigantic one. Will the hon. Minister consider it a national problem, approach the Planning Commission to get a country-wide survey conducted to find out how much money would be needed ? Is he going to make some provision in the Seventh or Eighth Plan ; if so, when ?

SHRI DALBIR SINGH : Sir, the hon. Member has spoken about national problems. As I said earlier, we have received the first interim report of the Charles Korea Commission which says that there are 555 towns, the population of which is growing very fast. We are sending the report to the State Governments for their comments. The state cabinet of each state has to decide. There-after we are going to convene a conference of Housing Ministers of the respective state to know their views so that this important problem could be solved.

The hon. Member has also referred to the N.C.R. We had sought a sum of Rs. 867 crores for the Seventh Five Year Plan. This is the first phase and we shall make a request for more funds when needed. We are requesting both the Planning Commission as well as the Finance Ministry. The population in Delhi is growing at a very fast pace and

to check this growth, we shall have to develop the peripheral towns. We shall ensure that all amenities including employment are provided in these peripheral towns so that the influx of people to Delhi could be checked. All these things, we shall do.

SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has referred to the N.C.R. plan. I would like to know from him the criteria Government have adopted in respect of the population of Delhi areas? Besides, is he going to make any provision for the capital cities of hilly areas? Has some provision been made in this budget for this purpose?

SHRI DALBIR SINGH : Sir, the supplementary asked by the hon. Minister is not related to the main question. However, I would like to tell him that we have I.D.S. M. schemes for the towns having a population upto one lakh. It was included in the Sixth Five Year Plan and has been carried over to the Seventh Plan. It includes Himachal Pradesh also. We are paying full attention to hilly areas. The amenities which are available to other areas should be available to hilly areas also.

[*English*]

Financial Allocation for Development of TV and Radio Facilities in Kerala

*450. **SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the financial allocation made for development of TV and Radio facilities in Kerala during the Seventh Five Year Plan ; and

(b) the details of work done so far and the work proposed to be done during the remaining period of the plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) A statement is given below.

Statement

FINANCIAL ALLOCATION IN THE 7TH PLAN

The expenditure proposed to be incurred on the development of TV and Radio facilities in the State of Kerala is estimated as follows :—

**Estimated Expenditure
(Rs. in lakhs)**

Doordarshan	—	564
All India Radio	—	1572.01

DETAILS OF WORK DONE/PROPOSED TO BE DONE

DOORDARSHAN

TV Studio Centre, equipped for operation in colour, has been commissioned at Trivandrum. Technical facilities are proposed to be further augmented by providing an Electronic Field Production (EFP) van to the Kendra. Establishment of four 100 W TV transmitters one each at Malappuram, Kasaragod, Kalpetta and Idukki is included in the VII Plan of Doordarshan. TV transmitter (10 KW) at Cochin is proposed to be linked to Doordarshan Kendra, Trivandrum for relay of TV programmes, during the VII Plan period.

ALL INDIA RADIO

During the 7th Plan, it is proposed to set up Radio Stations at 3 centres, one each at Cannanore, Idukki, Cochin in the State of Kerala. The schemes have administratively been approved. Sites for stations at Cannanore and Cochin have been taken over. The work for construction of the building and the departmental works for these schemes are proposed to be taken up in the remaining period of the plan. Site for station at Idukki is being located. Further action towards construction works will be taken up thereafter.

2. Besides these schemes, additional facilities are proposed to be provided at the three existing AIR centres viz. Trivandrum, Trichur and Calicut in the State of Kerala.

3. These schemes have administratively been approved and are under implementation. These are expected to be completed in the remaining period of the plan.