

जानना चाहता हूँ कि पिछले तीन सालों में कितने लोगों ने इसके लिए एप्लाइ किया है ? सरकार प्रोसेसिंग यूनिट्स बढ़ाने के बारे में माने क्या सोच रही है ?

MR. SPEAKER: If it is a long list you can place it on the Table.

SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH: All right, I will place it on the Table

World Atlas of the child

*1106. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the details of the world Atlas of the Child published by the World Bank depicting the wide disparity in the living, educational life expectancy and working standards for children up to the age of 14 in the developing and developed world; and

(b) the details of scheme proposed to be implemented by the Government during 1979 with the assistance of World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI RENUKA DEVI BARAKATAKI): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

(b) It is proposed to take up an Integrated Nutrition Improvement project in Tamil Nadu with World Bank assistance. It will have the components of nutrition delivery, integrated health delivery and monitoring and evaluation. The project has not emerged in a final shape as yet.

Statement

The World Bank has published a World Atlas of the Child in recognition of the International Year of the Child. Major sources of data in the Atlas are said to be the publications of the United Nations, United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), Inter-

national Labour Organisation (ILO) Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), World Health Organisation (WHO) and World Bank Country Economic Reports etc. The Atlas includes information and data on GNP per capita, population, number of children, birth rates and life expectancy, children in the labour force and education, etc.

India figures in the "developing low income group" with GNP per capita of US dollar 141. There are 19 other countries whose per capita income is less than that of India in the whole world. Average (median) GNP per capita of Asia, North and Central America and Europe are US dollar 642, 1007 and 3019 respectively.

Life expectancy at birth as in 1975 for India is shown as 49.5 years as against 56.0 years for Asia, 69.1 for North and Central America and 71.5 years for Europe. According to the World Atlas, 24.7 per thousand population were the children in labour force in India. This is against 14.2 in Asia, 1.3 in Europe and 6.5 in North and Central America. Primary enrolment ratio for India has been shown as 65 in 1975. This is against 90 for Asia, 102 for Europe and 107 for North and Central America.

SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: This question is mainly intended for the children. Since we are now passing through the International Year of the Child, Sir among the developing countries also—from the statement that has been laid on the Table of the House by the hon. Minister of State in the Ministry of Education—I feel that our country is far below even in life expectancy, availability of nutritional food, etc. and in the case of child employment we are topping the list. But the standards are very low. You are aware that in my State, that is, Tamil Nadu, particularly in the matches and crackers manufacturing area, very recently a lot of deaths occurred due to child employment. Now in view of the year being International Year of the Child, in order to give-

more emphasis and for developing the standard of the children in this country with regard to the life expectancy as well as employment what steps Government has proposed to take in these respects as also with regard to the world Atlas produced by the UNESCO, I.L.O. FAO and WHO?

SHRIMATI RENUKA DEVI BARAKATAKI: Sir, the hon. Member has asked many questions. First, he has asked what the Government is going to do about the employment of children. Most probably the hon. Member knows that the Ministry of Labour has constituted a National Committee on Child Labour. This Committee is considering this point and the Committee will submit its report in six months. After receiving the report, the Labour Ministry which is the nodal Ministry on Child Labour, will advise other Ministries including my Ministry which is concerned with Social Welfare, as to what steps we may take to see that child labour is minimised. So far as other question is concerned, that is India is far below in comparison with many other countries in regard to nutritional programme, that is true but I would like to point out that India is above in comparison with many Asian and African countries. But so far as the World Bank assistance is concerned the Tamil Nadu Government in consultation with the World Bank have taken up a scheme. But when this nutrition programme was transferred to my Ministry from the Ministry of Food, afterwards, the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance as a nodal Ministry has advised us to take up 2 or 3 States in this country for implementing this programme. Tamil Nadu is one of the States and Orissa and Madhya Pradesh are the other two States. But those two States have not come forward. Tamil Nadu has come forward. In this scheme, 70 per cent of the expenditure should be borne by the State itself and the Tamil Nadu Government has come forward that they will be able to make provision of this

70 per cent expenditure in their State Plan. An appraisal Mission of the World Bank are visiting our country within two months and they will finalise this scheme for Tamil Nadu.

SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: The hon. Minister was trying to say that in some other respects our country is topping the list and it is above the list in so far as the Asian countries are concerned. But it is not so. In view of the statement that has been placed on the Table of the House, I would like to point out that even in the case of life expectancy and compared to the average G.N.P. also, our country is lagging. I am glad to know that the Tamil Nadu Government has come forward to implement the nutrition programme. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government will urge upon the other State Governments and even use its force to implement the nutrition programme in other States also.

SHRIMATI RENUKA DEVI BARAKATAKI: Use of force is not possible. Two other States—Orissa and Madhya Pradesh—have been selected for this scheme. But up till now the response is very poor. So far as the first part of the question is concerned, India's per capita income in US \$ is 131. The per capita income of other 19 countries is less than India. They are mostly Asian and African countries. Similarly, in life expectancy India comes in 51st position. It is 49.5 years as far as India is concerned. There are 12 other countries in Asia who have lesser life expectancy than India. Similarly, in the case of birth-rate also, India's birth-rate is 39.9 per thousand whereas 75 other countries in the world have higher birth-rate per thousand compared to India. In some other respects also, India is in a higher position than many Asian and African countries, but in comparison with the advanced countries, India is lower. There is no doubt about it.

SHRI A. SUNNA SAHIB: This is due to mal-nutrition and lack of education. Will the hon. Minister come forward to have a comprehensive

policy and also impress upon the States to see that mal-nutrition is checked and the standard of education of the children is also enhanced on an all India basis?

SHRIMATI RENUKA DEVI BARAKATAKI: So far this scheme is concerned, it is a special scheme under the World Bank. And this scheme, uptill now, has been accepted only by Tamil Nadu. If other State Governments come forward to accept this scheme, we have no objection. We will recommend to extend this scheme to other States also.

Rajasthan Desert getting more desertified

*1107. **SHRI S. S. SOMANI:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajasthan desert is definitely not spreading eastward but the area within the desert is getting more desertified, as per scientists at the Central Arid Zone Research Institute;

(b) whether huge sand dunes are piling up against hills in Barmer, Jalore and Jodhpur districts; and

(c) whether Central Government have invited the opinion of the experts from the foreign countries also and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The studies made by the Central Arid Zone Research Institute indicate that the desert is not spreading eastward. But because of the human activities like cultivation of marginal lands, over grazing and rodent activities, the desert conditions within the arid areas have deteriorated in certain areas,

(b) Yes, Sir. This was observed earlier by the Survey of India in 1952. The studies conducted by the Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur indicate that fresh deposition of sand is continuing in the districts of Rajasthan.

(c) No, Sir.

श्री. एस. एस. सोमन: अध्यक्ष महोदय, राजस्थान राज्य का एक बहुत बड़ा भूभाग मरुस्थल है। वहाँ के निवासियों को समस्या पर पूर्ण मालो में विशेष ध्यान नहीं दिया गया पिछले साल जनता सरकार ने 11 करोड़ रुपये उसके विकास के लिये खर्च किया है। आपने जो जवाब दिया है उसमें कहा है

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वह आपने कहा है कि 'चूहे' की गतिविधियों जैसे मानव गतिविधियों मुझे समझ नहीं आता कि इसका क्या मतलब है? क्या वहाँ की गतिविधियाँ मानव गतिविधियाँ हो सकती हैं? क्योंकि आपने कहा है कि वहाँ की गतिविधियाँ जैसा मानव गतिविधियों के कारण मरुक्षेत्र के अन्तर्गत रेगिस्तान के स्थिति कुछ क्षेत्रों में खराब होती जा रही है। मेरा कहना है कि 1952 में जैसा आपने (ख) के जवाब में कहा है कि वर्ष 1952 में भारत के सर्वेक्षण द्वारा केन्द्रीय मरुक्षेत्र अनुसन्धान संस्थान, जोधपुर द्वारा किये गये अध्ययनों से पता चला है कि राजस्थान के इन जिलों में रेत का नया जमाव जारी है। बहुत बड़ा भूभाग पूरे देश में सबसे बड़ा रेगिस्तान का भूभाग राजस्थान में है और इसी के कारण वहाँ पानी की कमी है, जल स्रोत कम हैं। उसके विकास पर पूरा ध्यान नहीं दिया गया है। तो क्या विदेशी सहायता ले कर जैसे इजराइल ने किया है पूरे रेगिस्तान को नखलिस्तान में बदल कर आज वह अपनी फसलों और फलों का विदेशों में निर्यात कर रहा है। इसी प्रकार क्या राजस्थान के