

MR. SPEAKER: Has he not answered your question?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: I do agree with the hon. Member. I have no hesitation in pointing out that unfortunately in the system in which we are living, those who have more bargaining power and those who can say that they can stop the operation of the wheels have got more. But at the same time, that does not mean that we should not feel concerned about those who have not got that bargaining power and the entire approach of the Sixth Five-Year Plan, particularly the re-emphasis on the 20-point economic programme is to create a situation in which even the unorganised sections are not denied their rightful means.

MR. SPEAKER: Democracy means the majority, the bulk of the people. You have to care about them, you cannot ignore them.

श्री राम गोपाल तिवारी : ज्वायन्ट कंसल्टेटिव मशीनरी की बैठकें कब कब हुईं और क्या उनके होने में बहुत देरी नहीं हुई जिससे द्विपक्षीय वार्ता, जो कि सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट एम्पलाईज और सरकार के बीच होनी चाहिए वह नहीं हो पाई और इससे असंतोष बढ़ता जा रहा है ?

MR. SPEAKER: Now, question No. 88—M. Krishna Pratap Singh. Absent. Then Question No. 89—Shrimati Usha Prakash Chaudhari. She is absent. Then Question No. 90—Prof. Ajit Kumar Mehta.

### Assistance given by India to Other Countries

\*90. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the one hand India's borrowings has been steadily rising and on the other the assistance extended by India to other countries has been substantially on the increase;

(b) if so, the quantum of assistance given by India to other countries (with names) during the last three years; and

(c) the extent to which India's lendings to other countries has affected India's developmental programmes?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) While India's borrowings have been arising in recent years to meet the large developmental needs of the country, its assistance to other countries, which is a fraction of India's external borrowing, has not increased recently.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) While it is true that this assistance involves a measure of sacrifice on our part, it has to be remembered that it is provided to friendly countries some of whom are close neighbours. To the extent the assistance is provided to enable these countries to obtain goods and services from India it also promotes our exports. India has been lending to friendly foreign countries mainly with a view to helping them obtain goods and services from India.

**Statement**  
Assistance extended by India to other countries (Fiscal years)

(Rs. Crores)

| Country/Programme                   | Authorisation |        |         |        |         |        |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|                                     | 1978-79       |        | 1979-80 |        | 1980-81 |        |
|                                     | Loans         | Grants | Loans   | Grants | Loans   | Grants |
| 1. Afghanistan                      | ..            | ..     | ..      | ..     | ..      | ..     |
| 2. Bangladesh                       | ..            | ..     | 29.3    | 0.1    | 29.4    | 0.2    |
| 3. Bhutan                           | 7.2           | 36.2   | 5.2     | 29.7   | 6.8     | 31.1   |
| 4. Mauritius                        | ..            | ..     | ..      | ..     | ..      | ..     |
| 5. Nepal                            | ..            | 9.4    | ..      | 14.1   | ..      | 14.2   |
| 6. Sri Lanka                        | 4.8           | ..     | 10.0    | ..     | 10.0    | ..     |
| 7. Tanzania                         | 2.0           | ..     | 0.4     | ..     | ..      | ..     |
| 8. Vietnam                          | 41.2          | ..     | ..      | ..     | 13.5    | ..     |
| 9. Zambia                           | ..            | ..     | 10.0    | ..     | ..      | ..     |
| 10. Assistance under ITEC Programme | ..            | 3.0    | ..      | 4.0    | ..      | 0.5    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | 55.2          | 48.6   | 54.9    | 47.9   | 102.8   | 46.0   |
|                                     |               |        |         |        |         | 76.3   |

प्रो० अजित कुमार मेहता : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं फिर वही बात कहूंगा, जो मैंने दो तीन दिन पहले कही थी कि सवाल का सीधा और स्पष्ट जवाब नहीं दिया जाता है। मैंने इस प्रश्न के पार्ट (सी) में पूछा है :—

“the extent to which India's lendings to other countries has affected India's development programmes?”

इसका जवाब तो कुछ आया नहीं। क्या मंत्री महोदय इसका जवाब देने की कृपा करेंगे ?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member wants to have reply to (c).

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: No, it has not been affected. I have given a full statement.

MR. SPEAKER: I do not think you should pursue it. There is not much substance in it.

प्रो० अजित कुमार मेहता : मंत्री महोदय ने अपने उत्तर में कहा है : “इट आज़ात प्रमोट्स अवर एकमपोटेंस”। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इसके कारण किन-किन वस्तुओं के निर्यात में और कितने मूल्य के निर्यात में वृद्धि होगी।

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Is it possible to indicate a large number of commodities? I can give broad commodities—Engineering, capital goods and services, consultancy, technical knowhow. These I have mentioned. But it is not possible for me to list out the whole range of commodities.

प्रो० अजित कुमार मेहता : अभी अभी दिल्ली में दक्षिण-दक्षिण संवाद हुआ है। मंत्री महोदय ने जो सूची दी है, उसमें पांच ऐसे देश हैं, जो संवाद में निमग्नित हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या इस संवाद के फलस्वरूप हमारे

इस सहयोग में कोई वृद्धि होने की सम्भावना है, खासकर कपड़ा, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स, सीमेंट, रसायन और इस्पात के सम्बन्ध हैं।

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: It is known to the hon. Members of this House that India is one of the developing countries and is a poor country so far as the per capita income or per capita consumption is concerned. But India has always taken a very positive and leading role in fostering cooperation among the developing countries. Here I would like to refer particularly to one of the observations which my distinguished predecessor made while taking part in discussion with the World Bank. He pointed out to the developed countries—“You are extending your assistance to us, the developing countries. It is in the garb of promoting your exports. But we are extending assistance to other developing countries. We are not merely transferring our technology but also we are trying to help them to appropriate the technology re-design and make it suitable to their own environment.” Therefore, in that context, the large cooperation among the developing countries by what you may call in technical term, South-South cooperation, would no doubt be helpful and would increase the cooperation among the developing countries.

#### Supply of Mirage War Planes by France

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has been made with Government of France for the supply of Mirage War Planes for the Indian Army.

(b) if so, the terms of the agreement; and

(c) financial implications thereof?