

### Congestion in BIG Cities

\*207. DR. A. U. AZMI:  
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN :

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 213 on 31 August, 1981 regarding population growth in cities and state the action taken to disperse various activities away from the central areas of the cities to reduce congestion in the big cities and to develop rural areas and towns ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF) : Urban Development is a State subject. Action is being taken to decentralize industrial, commercial and administrative activities from central areas of large cities to other growth centres. The Industrial Policy Resolution of the Government of India prohibits the establishment of new industrial units within the Municipal limits of the Metropolitan States and standard urban areas of cities with a population of over five lakhs.

The Sixth Plan document envisages that positive inducements would be given to set up industrial and other commercial and professional establishments in small, medium, and intermediate cities including tax incentives for the location of productive activities in these towns.

Some of the State Governments have started or are considering the development of satellite towns within or near the metropolitan cities such as Madras ; Bombay and Calcutta.

In order to reduce the rate of migration to larger cities and to subserve the development of rural

areas through provision of necessary urban infrastructure, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme has been introduced for the Integrated Development of 231 small and medium towns in the country to reduce the rate of migration to metropolitan and large cities.

A separate scheme for integrated rural development is also being implemented during the 6th Plan period.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : बहुत लम्बा जवाब दिया है। सर्दी काफी लग रही है आपको, ऐसा मालूम होता है।

डा० ए० यू० आजमी : मंत्री महोदय ने पाजिटिव इंड्यूसमेंट्स आदि का जिक्र किया है और सैटेलाइट टाउन की बात कही है। लेकिन कोई डिटेल्ज नहीं दी हैं। इसको जरा वह इलस्ट्रेट कर दें तो अच्छा होगा।

संसदीय कार्य तथा निर्माण और आवास मंत्री ( श्री भोग्ग नारायण सिंह ) : जैसा मेरे साथी ने बताया है कई स्टेप गवर्नमेंट ने लिए हैं बड़े शहरों में जो आबादी बढ़ रही है उसको रोकने के लिए। इंडस्ट्रियल पालिसी का उन्होंने जिक्र किया है। उसके तहत कोशिश की जा रही है कि इंडस्ट्रीज बड़े शहरों की म्युनिसिपल लिमिट्स में न लग कर बाहर लगे। उसके लिए लिए कई इंसैटिव देने की बात कही गई हैं।

जिसका आवास और निर्माण मंत्रालय से सीधे सम्बन्ध है वह यह है कि छठी योजना में हम लोग दो सौ छोटे शहर जिन की आबादी एक लाख से कम है, उनको सिलैक्ट करेंगे, चुनेंगे, क्योंकि यह देखने को मिलता है कि मेट्रोपोलिटन सिटीज में लोग इसलिए आते हैं कि वहां एमप्लॉयमेंट है, फैसिलिटीज हैं, नौकरी मिलने की ज्यादा गुंजाइश है और इस

वास्ते उनकी तरफ आकर्षण ज्यादा होता है और इस वजह से छोटे शहर जो हैं वे डिटीरियोरेट हो रहे हैं। अगर ये छोटे शहर विकसित हम कर दे तो बड़े शहरों का जो आकर्षण है वह कम होगा और बड़े शहरों पर आबादी का दबाव कम होगा। इसके लिए 200 शहर चुने जायेंगे छठी पंचवर्षीय योजना में। जैसा उत्तर में बताया गया है कि छठी योजना में जो शहर चुने जायेंगे वह स्टेट सैक्टर में यह सारा विषय आता है। स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स प्रोजेक्ट रिपोर्ट भेजेंगी और अगर हमारे मापदंड के अनुरूप होगा तो स्वीकार करेंगे जिसमें 40 लाख रु० केन्द्रीय सरकार देगी 40 लाख रु० स्टेट गवर्नमेंट देगी और 20 लाख रु० लोकल इन्स्टीट्यूशन्स लगायेंगी और इस प्रकार छोटे शहर को डेवलप करेंगे। क्योंकि सरकार चिन्तित है कि बड़े शहरों में आबादी बहुत बढ़ रही है, और उसके आंकड़े अगर आप कहेंगे तो मैं उपलब्ध करा सकता हूँ।

डा० ए० यू० आजमी : दूसरा सवाल मैं यह पूछना चाहता हूँ कि रेट आफ माइग्रेशन को कम करने के लिये रूरल एरियाज के डेवलपमेंट के लिये आपने अपने जवाब में कुछ स्कीम्स का जिक्र किया है उसकी भी डिटेल्स आपने नहीं दीं। वह भी मेहरबानी कर के बता दें? In order to reduce the rate of migration to cities and to subserve the development of rural areas through provision of necessary urban infrastructure, a Centrally sponsored scheme has been introduced for the integrated development of 231 small and medium towns in the country, to reduce the rate of migration to metropolitan cities. But he has not mentioned the details of the scheme, in the answer.

श्री भोष्म नारायण सिंह : मैंने जो अभी बताया वह डिटेल्स ही हैं। स्टेट गवर्नमेंट

प्रोजेक्ट बना कर भेजेंगी जिसमें सड़कें बनायी जायेंगी, छोटे हाउसेज की भी योजना होगी, स्कूल होंगे। यह सब फैसिलिटीज जब प्रोवाइड करायेंगे तो जो बड़े शहरों की तरफ आने का लोगों का आकर्षण है वह कम हो जाएगा। तो यही सब इनफ्रा-स्ट्रक्चर में आयेंगे और प्रोजेक्ट रिपोर्ट स्टेट गवर्नमेंट बना कर भेजेंगी तब हम स्वीकार करेंगे। लेकिन अगर आप जानना चाहें तो मैं बता सकता हूँ। 147 ऐसी योजनायें छठी योजना में जो कवर होंगी उन्हें स्वीकृत कर चुके हैं।

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, in order to reduce the congestion and disperse various activities from the capital of the Union of India, has the Works and Housing Ministry taken a decision to resume the work on the National Capital Region idea, which will have a radius of 200 miles around Delhi? If so, has a joint meeting of several Chief Ministers been called by the Works and Housing Minister? I have made a suggestion to the Minister that the Chief Minister of M.P. should also be invited so that Madhya Pradesh and Gwalior could be an active participant in this plan. In this context, what was the decision of the Works and Housing Ministry on my suggestion? Finally, during the Janata regime, there had been much talk of a twin capital plan and it was said that much progress had been made on this. Is this a fact or not?

SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH : Sir, the idea of national capital region has been revived and in the Sixth Five Year plan, I can say definitely, a token provision of Rs. 10 crores has been provided. We have revived the idea of national capital region which is one of the steps that will help us in reducing the pressure of the growing population in metropolitan city,

like Delhi. But, there are some difficulties. The difficulty is that three States have to agree to our suggestion and therefore I have written letter to the Chief Ministers of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. Up till now Madhya Pradesh is not within the purview of the national capital region. The Hon. Member has written to me about inclusion of Gwalior. This is his suggestion. I have written to the Chief Minister. I wanted to ascertain the views of the State Government about it. The Janata Party had promised a lot and I do not know what was the idea of the Janata Party about twin Capital towns or something like that. As you know, I am not criticising the Janata Party, but the Janata Party had talked too much.

**SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD :** Some-time back, the Government of Gujarat had announced that four leading cities in the State would be building low income group houses for the poorer classes. This is contrary to the thinking of the Central Government that already there is an influx towards cities and, to discourage that, rural areas should be developed. Has the Central Government given any directive to the State Government to dissuade them from going through with this scheme of building more such dwellings in the cities? One disadvantage is, in spite of getting these dwellings, the allottee parties usually rent these out to other parties. So, the influx to cities actually does not stop. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister if there is any new thinking on this scheme.

**SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH :** As I have said earlier, housing is a State subject. Actually, the Central Government only supplements their effort. If the Hon. Member asks particular question about a particular State, about a particular area, then only I will be able to reply.

**PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE :** From the original reply to Dr. Azmi, by implication it is very clear that in order to reduce congestion in big cities, the Government would like to develop the hinterland of big cities so that congestion in the big cities gets reduced. If this be the implication, may I know specifically regarding one big city from the Hon. Minister? Take, for instance, the city of Bombay. You will agree that there is a lot of congestion there. As far as such a big city like Bombay is concerned, the hinterland of Bombay is the west coast Konkan area. Will the Government take up the development of the west coast Konkan area so that congestion in Bombay can be reduced and, in particular, the public sector project like the Aluminium Project and the West Coast Konkan Railways which is going to help not only the backward region of Konkan but also Goa and Karnataka and also provide direct link with Kerala and Tamil Nadu? I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether he will expedite the West Coast Konkan Railway project which has already been started? The Hon. Minister said that we the Janata Party only talked. We actually implemented the project. The first Phase has already been completed. I want to know, as demanded by the people of Karnataka also and also the people of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Goa, whether this railway project will be taken up and whether the Aluminium Project will be completed so that, through the development of Konkan area, congestion in the city of Bombay can be reduced.

**SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH :** This is a suggestion for action.

**PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE :** I want a reply from the Government. These are questions arising out of the policy decisions of the Government. But they have kept these decisions pending. I want to know whether they will implement them.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Even an evasive reply is a reply.

**PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE:** Just now, he said that the Janata Party only talked. They do not even talk; no question of implementation.

**SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH:** I will talk what is relevant.

**Food for Work Programme in Dhanbad District, Bihar**

\*209. **SHRI A.K. ROY:** Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food for Work Programme has been stopped all over the country in general and in Dhanbad district of Bihar in particular since last year;

(b) details of the foodgrain supplied for that to Bihar in general and Dhanbad district of Bihar in particular in the year 1981;

(c) whether in view of severe drought the Food for Work Programme would again be started this year;

(d) if so, when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM):** (a) to (e). The Food for Work Programme has been replaced by National Rural Employment Programme since October, 1980. Presently, it is this programme which is in actual operation all over the country including Dhanbad district of Bihar.

Cash funds amounting to Rs. 1210 lakhs have been given to Bihar as Central share for implementation of the programme for the first two quarters of the current year. An equal amount is likely to be given to the State for the remaining two quarters. 20,000 MTs of foodgrains were also released to them. Out of these, the allocations made to Dhanbad district are as under:

<i>Cash Funds</i>	<i>Foodgrains</i>
Rs. 65.88 lakhs	300 MTs.

**SHRI A. K. ROY:** The Minister gave me the answer not in parts but in lump just as the foodgrains are supplied. I detected that the present Government was going to stop Food for Work Programme in Bihar last year and a question was asked on the basis of the news items which appeared in "The Statesman" on 28th June. You intervened in the House and asked "Why do you quote this newspaper which is not authentic?" and the Minister denied the statement which appeared in the newspaper. But later on to my question on 28-7-80, which was answered in December, it was stated that no foodgrains were supplied to Bihar from May to October. That means the entire Food for Work Programme was stopped. Now it is said that the Food for Work Programme has been re-named as National Rural Employment Programme and only 300 metric tonnes of foodgrains was allotted to Dhanbad for three months which means that only some 100 people would get work when in fact there are at least 1,000 people who need work. I have to bring to your notice that this year entire South Bihar is in the grip of extreme drought and North Bihar is in extreme floods. In view of this position, the Chief Minister also complained that the supply of foodgrains should be increased. Therefore, may I know from the Minister whether this small allotment would be increased for