

नहीं होता है, वहां के लिए भी कुछ प्रयत्न करने के लिए तैयार हैं ?

श्री निहार रंजन लस्कार : पहले रस्ता तलाश करो फिर जाओ ।

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR : I have mentioned, in case of Orissa State the proposal in sixth plan is for 10 PHCs for the tribal areas, and 10 PHCs in non-tribal areas. The State Governments will select the areas ; it is not for the Centre.

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : The Minister said for 1980-81, there is no scheme for having primary health centres in Orissa. I think this is a matter which perhaps the Minister should look into. In 1980-81 even the State Government is opening so many primary health centres. You say, there is no scheme. I would like to know whether there has been any suggestion from the Orissa Government that because of these difficulties in Orissa, whether in the subsequent years more and more primary health centres are going to be opened in different areas to cater to the needs of the village people on the basis of 2000 people and whether they will modify the principle for opening primary health centres ?

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR : In 1980-81, there is no such proposal.

श्री शिव प्रसाद साहू : अभी मंत्री जी ने झांकड़ा पेश किया है कि हर दो हजार की आबादी पर एक प्राइमरी हेल्थ सेंटर खोलेंगे । यह झांकड़ा कागज पर तो बहुत सुन्दर दिखता है लेकिन ये दावे के साथ कह सकता हूँ कि उड़ीसा में फूलबनी, भवानी पटना, कोरापुट बगैरह के जो इलाके हैं और जहां सैंकड़ों नहीं हजारों लोग मलेरिया तथा दूसरी बीमारियों से मरते हैं वहां इतनी आबादी के पीछे एक केन्द्र नहीं खोला गया है । वहां बसने वाले कंद जाति के साथ दूसरी जातियों के जो आदिवासी हैं उनकी दशा बहुत दयनीय है, दर्दनाक है । जंगली इलाकों में वहां रहने वाले जो भाई हैं, पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों में, प्लेटू के इलाकों में रहने वाले जो लोग हैं, उनके लिए क्या आप कोई स्पेशल व्यवस्था करेंगे या नहीं ?

MR. SPEAKER : It is the same question repeated over and over again. The reply is the same.

Railway area of Kharagpur

255. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps for the development of Railway area of Kharagpur (S.E. Railways);

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIF) : (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Statement

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Railway area at Kharagpur has got the necessary infra structure which includes a well developed colony with 13,274 units of residential quarters with water and electric supply, net-work of roads, markets, hospital and educational facilities (the latter comprising 29 Railway managed and 35 non-Railway schools). 378 new units of quarters were added during last 10 years. In addition, 56 new quarters are presently under construction and the provision of following facilities is under consideration:

- (1) Augmentation of water supply and replacement of the old water pipelines.
- (2) Provision of water taps in 800 quarters.
- (3) Provision of fans in 1000 quarters.
- (4) Construction of new quarters.
- (5) Provision of Central School and facilities for college education. Augmentation of school facilities.
- (6) Improvement of drainage.
- (7) Development of new markets.
- (8) Improvement to 185 quarters.

It may be added that improvement/ augmentation of housing and development of other facilities in various railway colonies (including Kharagpur), as also their upkeep and maintenance is a continuing process. These will thus continue to be augmented, improved and developed taking into account the availability of funds and needs of various stations.

SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : The drainage system of Kharagpur railway area is not up to the mark. The same is the condition with the public road system.

I think that there should be some coordination between the railway authorities and the local municipal authorities to have a comprehensive plan for the proper drainage and public road system in Kharagpur area, because the first part of the drain and also of the public roads will be completed by the railway authorities and the later part will be completed by the municipal authorities. My question is whether the Central Government will consult the local municipal authorities to have a comprehensive drainage system and public road system in the Kharagpur railway area ?

SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Kharagpur is a railway colony. The whole property in Kharagpur railway colony more or less belongs to railway. I had personally visited the area myself. We had discussions both with the railway officials and municipality officials together. We have suggested that there should be a comprehensive scheme to meet the requirements of the area and responsibility should be fixed as to what the railways can look after and what the municipal authorities can take over, maintain and look after. I think they are at it.

SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: A large number of railwaymen have to use Telugu language. I want to know whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to establish Telegu as the medium ?

SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: There is already a school existing with Telugu language and it is doing well.

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SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a recent despatch appearing in the Australian newspapers, the Australian High Commissioner in India made certain remarks about the functioning of the Government stating that a military type of Government is talked about in certain quarters; and

(b) if so, details thereof and reaction of the Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An Australian daily "The Age" published an article by one free lance journalist—Laurie Oakes—on November 6, 1980, citing excerpts from the despatch (which was apparently leaked to Mr.

Oakes) sent by the Australian High Commissioner in New Delhi—Mr. Gordon Noel Upton—to his Foreign Office on October 3, 1980, wherein Mr. Upton is alleged to have made critical comments on the performance of the Prime Minister since she assumed office and alluded to the possibility of a military take-over. It is usual for diplomats to send their assessments to their Governments on the situation prevailing in the country to which they are accredited and these assessments are treated as confidential. The Indian High Commissioner in Canberra has been in touch with the Australian Foreign Office officials. He had also written a letter to the Editor of "The Age" to show that the assessment attributed to Mr. Upton was far from correct.

On the 17th November, 1980, the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi were informed by the Department of Foreign Affairs in Canberra that the Australian Government attached the greatest importance to the relations between India and Australia, and that they were concerned over recent developments. They have since issued an official press release expressing their deep regrets for the embarrassment this article had caused in particular to the Prime Minister of India. The Press Release said that the High Commissioner had made clear his constructive concern about the problems facing India, as he saw them and his desire to see relations between Australia and India continue to develop in a positive way. They said it was the journalist who while commenting on the stolen report had alleged that the Australian High Commissioner held Mrs. Gandhi "in low esteem" or "had a lack of respect for her". In view of the above circumstances, Government do not feel any further action is called for.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: It is clear from the reply of the Minister that such assessments have been made by the Australian diplomat. The reply says:

"The Indian High Commissioner in Canberra has been in touch with the Australian Foreign Office officials. He had also written a letter to the Editor of 'The Age' to show that the assessment attributed to Mr. Upton was far from correct."

May I know from the hon. Minister what other steps have been taken by our External Affairs Ministry to inform the Australian public about the real political situation of our country? Does it not signify that our External Affairs Ministry's Publicity Department is not working satisfactorily abroad?