

है कि कुछ भी कर सकें। क्या भाप ऐसी योजना बना रहे हैं ताकि टाउन एरिया और नोटिफाइड एरिया के जो क्षत्र हैं उन पर विशेष ध्यान दिया जाए और उनके विकास के लिए विशेष धनराशि स्वीकार की जाए ?

श्री श्रीम बहला : सेंट्रल सैक्टर में तो ऐसा नहीं है। स्टेट सैक्टर से उनको कुछ रुपया ब्लॉक लोन और ब्लॉक ग्रांट्स से डिवलपमेंट के लिए दिया जा सकता है।

#### Supply of Rigs to U.P.

\*725. SHRI B. R. SHUKLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have failed to provide the requisite number of rigs to the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether boring of tube-wells in the Parganas of Bhimga, Tulsipur and Chards of District Bahraich (Uttar Pradesh) is being held up due to non-availability of rig machines; and

(c) whether the Central Government propose to send rigs to these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The responsibility for groundwater development through drilling of tube-wells or boring of wells and for acquiring suitable rigs for this purpose rests with the State Governments. Central Ground Water Board operates rigs in the States primarily for exploratory purposes.

(b) No such report has been received from the State Government.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

SHRI B. R. SHUKLA: May I know whether it is a fact that the rigs are

exclusively supplied by the Central Government to the State Government and the State Government has no agency through which they can have their own rigs? Secondly, how many rigs have been provided to the State of U.P.? Thirdly, is it a fact or not that representations have been made by the State Government for taking up exploratory construction of tube-wells? Because, Sir, in the area mentioned in part (b) it was stated by the State Government that deep boring machines were not available in the State and therefore it was not in a position to bore the tubewells. This is my point. Therefore, the responsibility of the Centre comes in.

PROF. SHER SINGH: Several types of rigs are there which are manufactured indigenously. They are all available and the State Governments purchase those rigs and if I am correct, in U.P., in all, there are about 110 rigs of various types which are needed. As for the district Bahraich, hydro-geological survey is going on and it is only after that results are made available that one can say about these things definitely. It is only after the results are known that work relating to exploratory tube-wells could be taken up. But it is not held up because of the paucity of rigs. Rigs are available.

SHRI B. R. SHUKLA: Since when hydrological survey has been going on in the areas mentioned in part (b) of my question? This statement is being made on the basis of wholly incorrect data because no team of investigation has actually reached the spot and started work.

PROF. SHER SINGH: As I have already stated work is going on—the work of hydrological survey—and it is only when we have located the points where we have to dig these exploratory tubewells that the work will be taken up.

SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE: The hon. Minister has told us that it is the State Government who has to secure

the rigs. Will the Minister tell us about the availability of rigs in the country? Are there sufficient rigs in our country to meet the needs of the country? If not, whether the Centre has provided facilities to the State Governments to import rigs from abroad?

PROF. SHER SINGH: At present we have no request from the State Governments for import of rigs. There was a demand from U.P. and we have provided foreign exchange for that. From other States we do not have any request. Rigs are available in sufficient number in our country.

श्री अश्वमेध : मंत्री महोदय ने बताया कि रीग्स की कमी नहीं है तो वह कौन से दूसरे कारण हैं जिन की वजह से वावजूद इसके कि सर्वे जिन का कई वर्ष पूर्व हो चुका है, ऐसे बहुत से स्थान य० पी० के अन्दर है, उन अनेक स्थानों पर अभी तक ट्यूबवैल की खुदाई पूरी नहीं हो सकी ?

श्री० शेर सिंह : य० पी० में जो ये बोरिंग ट्यूबवैल्स हैं, जिन एरियाज में एल-बियल सायल है 4111 के करीब, उन की बोरिंग के लिए हमारे पास सामान है और उस के जरिए काम चल रहा है जहां एक्स-प्लोरेशन हो चुका है । कुछ जगहों पर जैसे गाजीपुर और कानपुर जिलों में एक्स-प्लोरेटरी ट्यूबवैल्स का काम हो रहा है । कुछ जगहों पर हाइड्रो ज्यालाजिकल सर्वे हो रहा है । फिर एक्स-प्लोरेटरी ट्यूबवैल्स का होगा और जहां एक्स-प्लोरेशन हो चुका है वहां ट्यूबवैल्स बन रहे हैं। उस के लिए साधन हैं ।

SHRI P. M. MEHTA: I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to how many rigs were demanded by the State of Gujarat?

MR. SPEAKER: The question is a specific one. It is not relevant here. Please give a separate notice.

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: The monsoons are failing year after year. I want to know whether the Government is going to have more rigs so that we may have more tube-wells in all the States?

MR. SPEAKER: It is a very specific question about Uttar Pradesh.

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: The Minister has made a general statement. I want to know whether it is correct.

PROF. SHER SINGH: So far as U.P. is concerned, in Bahraich and the other areas it is not that the work is not going on because there is shortage. Rigs are available in U.P. As for hard-rock areas, we had to import some rigs of that type. For hard-rock areas, and for areas where there is not sufficient water available for drinking and where there is hard rock below, we have to import. We have imported some rigs, and we shall import rigs, if we require more

#### Orders placed for Ships by Shipping Corporation of India

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\*728. SHRI P. GANGADEB:

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India has ordered 38 ships this year; and

(b) if so, whether they are expecting only 17 ships this year?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAIADUR): (a) As on date, total number of ships on order are 43, out of which 6 ships were ordered prior