

Government that peace prevails in the village and the parties have mutually agreed to some settlement. There is no apprehension of breach of peace. They are now living in harmony.

श्री नरसिंह नारायण पट्टि : क्या मन्त्री महोदय इस बात की जानकारी प्राप्त करेंगे कि उस गांव में अभी तक हरिजनों को बड़ी जाति के लोग पानी पीने के लिये झलाऊ नहीं करते जिससे वह काफी परेशानी में हैं, और इसकी जाच करवाने के बाद कोई समुचित व्यवस्था करेंगे ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : उन्होंने रिफर किया हुआ है ।

High-Powered Commission on Community Development

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*90. SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL :
SHRI P. M. MEHTA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether a high-powered commission will be set up to suggest ways for an integrated approach to Community Development Programme which has been very slow in the past; and

(b) if so, whether this decision was taken at the meeting of the Community Development Council ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b) The proposal to appoint a high-powered commission for looking into Community Development and Panchayati Raj is under the active consideration of the Government. It was first mooted by the Consultative Committee of Parliament for the Department in 1969 and has since been reiterated by the Consultative Councils attached to the Ministry.

SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL : May I know from the Minister as to when they will be accepting the report of the high-power commission ?

PROF. SHER SINGH : The high-power commission has not yet been set up. It is yet to be set up.

SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL : A decision to that effect has already been taken by the Community Development Council. When will that decision be implemented by the Ministry ?

MR. SPEAKER : The Minister says that it has not yet been set up

PROF. SHER SINGH : The high-power commission is yet to be set up

MR. SPEAKER : It will be set up. He is asking about implementation.

SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL : There seems to be some difference in the efficiency of the implementation of the community development programmes from State to State.

PROF. SHER SINGH : The performance of the Community Development and Panchayati Raj programmes is not uniform in all the States. It differs from State to State. In some States, it is very well and in some other States, it has not been so well. That is also one of the terms of the proposed Commission.

SHRI P. M. MEHTA : It appears from the reply given by the Minister that the proposal is receiving the Government's active consideration since 1969, but no action has been taken so far. It means that the Government have ignored the advice of the Consultative Committee as well as the need for an integrated approach to the problem. Keeping this in view, may I know whether the Government are

aware of the fact that there is an overlapping of the functions under the different centrally-sponsored schemes ?

If so, will the Government propose to have planning for integrated approach during the pendency of the appointment of the high power commission ?

PROF. SHER SINGH : The delay was because the terms of reference were modified. The Ministry suggested some names; those names were not acceptable. We are now actively considering the appointment of this commission very soon and this question will of course be one of the terms of reference of the Commission itself and we want that there should be no overlapping. That is the attitude we are taking now.

SHRI P. M. MEHTA : Are they prepared to take action ? That is what I want to know.

PROF. SHER SINGH : Certainly we are taking action, as I said. In the recent meeting of the Council also this question came up that there should not be overlapping. We want to see that there is no overlapping.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : It is a fact and I hope the Minister knows that the functioning of community development in various States is far from satisfactory. Before any Commission is appointed within 2 years or 3 years, I would like to know from the Minister, whether any effort has been made or not to assess which has developed, whether the community or the department. Because, it appears, it is only the Department which has developed and not the community. So I want to know whether any assessment has been made in

the Department itself about the failure of the community development programmes.

PROF. SHER SINGH : We are making assessment and we want that this Community Development Programme becomes the champion of the weaker sections of our population. The Community Development Department is doing very useful work, this caters to rural employment, taking interest in promoting small farmers, development agencies of farming, etc.

MR. SPEAKER : He asked whether the department has expanded and whether any assessment was made by the department itself.

PROF. SHER SINGH : Individual States have made assessment; we are also making assessment.

श्री रामचन्द्र बिकल : मैं कृषि मन्त्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो उच्च शक्ति-प्राप्त आयोग वह बनाना चाहते हैं वह कब तक बना देंगे और उनमें ग्रामीण दृष्टिकोण रखने वाले लोग रखे जायेंगे या नहीं ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप कहां से कहा पहुंच गये ?

श्री रामचन्द्र बिकल : वह कहते हैं कि आयोग मुकर्रर करने वाले हैं। तो कब तक करने वाले हैं। 1969 से अब तक तो हुआ नहीं।

प्रो० शेर सिंह : हम कर रहे हैं और उनमें जिनका ग्रामीण जीवन से सम्बन्ध है अधिकतर वही रखे जायेंगे।