

में एक रिजर्वियर है। मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या तिलैया और कोणार से बिहार को पानी देकर इस बाढ़ को कम किया जा सकता है ?

DR. K. I. RAO : I do not exactly follow what the hon. Member said—whether he is referring to Gandak or Tillya.

SHRI SHANKER DAYAL SINGH : Tillya.

DR. K. L. RAO : Tillya is in the DVC area. What the hon. Member has said is to assist in the flood control of the Damodar. The water level from Tillya will help the area of Bihar and there will be some impact on the flood control in the Damodar valley. About Gandak, I would say, Gandak is north of river Ganga and Tillya is in the south of river Ganga. About Gandak there has been a lot of trouble for a number of years. There was a breach in Chitoni last year and the hon. Minister of Railways has ordered its closure; but he does not spare much money. That is the trouble and the spur protection has to be done by the Government of U.P.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : When will the Lower Damodar Project be completed? What are the areas that will be free from flood? What are the areas which will have the facility of irrigation from this particular project?

DR. K. L. RAO : There will be no irrigation as such. The idea is to construct banks on both sides, dredge Amta and Rupnarain so that water may be drained off quickly. There will be no irrigation as such. We hope the project will be completed as early as possible.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : What are the areas free from flood?

DR. K. L. RAO : Districts of Howrah and other districts bordering on the Damodar river.

#### Fixation of Jute Price

\*654. SHRI MD. JAMILLURRAMAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to fix

the price of jute after taking into consideration the production cost; and

(b) if so, the broad features of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Minimum support price for jute is being fixed every season in the light of the recommendations made by the Agricultural Prices Commission which takes into account the cost of production.

SHRI MD. JAMILLURRAHMAN : Due to uneconomic and non-fixation of price of jute a large number of bales are smuggled into Nepal *en route* to China and thereby economic condition of the poor growers is adversely affected. This also causes immense loss of foreign exchange to us. Keeping this in view, I would like to know from the Government whether the Government plans to purchase through its own agency to stabilise the prices because by such way the poor kisans will get standard price of jute.

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : Government has already started purchasing jute. It is purchasing jute in the secondary market in a number of regions. There is an ambitious programme in this regard.

SHRI MD. JAMILLURRAHMAN : There are various varieties of jute grown in the district of Purnea and in many of the eastern parts of India such as Sonapat (Golden Fibre), Dhaka, Chandi and Gorsan. I would like to know from the Government whether separate prices have been or will be fixed for each variety of jute or one standard price will be fixed for all varieties.

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : Till now we have fixed for Assam Bottom only. Well, certainly we will fix prices of the other varieties also but till now we have fixed for Assam Bottom only.

SHRI DINESH CHANDRA GOSWAMI : Due to import of jute from Bangladesh there is imbalance of prices in those areas near Bangladesh. I want to know whether this is a fact. If it is a fact, how does the Government propose to rectify it?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : We have not imported jute from Bangladesh. I can't say

anything about smuggling. In our country this price varies from Rs. 40 to Rs. 45. All efforts are being taken to eliminate the long chain of middlemen, and that is the only solution in these things.

**SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :** I am happy that the hon. Minister is taking steps to assure a remunerative price to the growers. But is he aware that the entire jute industry in West Bengal is coming to a standstill from the 8th of this month because of the threatened strike? I find from the newspapers that the hon. Minister has intervened in the matter. I would like to know what positive steps have been taken to save the jute industry from the impending labour unrest :

**SHRI L. N. MISHRA :** At 3.30 p.m. today, we are having a meeting with the Bengal Minister, the labour leaders and the Indian Jute Mills Association people. I would request Shri S. M. Banerjee also to help us in avoiding this strike. It is a very crucial period for jute, and we are just picking up. I would request the labour leaders not to go on strike.

**SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :** He should also advise the employers to pay something.

**SHRI L. N. MISHRA :** Of course, I shall do that.

**SHRI S. N. MISRA :** In case the Jute Corporation is compelled to purchase at that price, will they be compensated for the loss suffered on account of those purchases?

**SHRI L. N. MISHRA :** The price to be paid is economic and remunerative price for the growers and there should not be any loss. If there is loss, of course, Government will have to suffer.

**श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :** जब काश्तकार जूट लेकर मंडी में जाता है, तो उस को काफी कम दाम मिलते हैं। चूँकि जूट कार्पोरेशन की शखायें सभी मंडियों में नहीं हैं, इसलिए वह किसानों का माल खरीदने में असमर्थ रहता है। व्यापारी बहुत अधिक मात्रा में जूट खरीद लेते हैं और बाद में उसको ऊँचे दामों पर बेचते हैं। इस लिए कार्पोरेशन सभी मंडियों में पहुंचे, ताकि काश्तकारों को उचित दाम मिलें। क्या मंत्री महोदय इस बारे में जांच करेंगे ?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** यह तो सजेस्शन फार एक्शन है। इन्होंने जो सलाह दी है, मिनिस्टर साहब उस को नोट कर लें।

**श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :** इसमें सलाह क्या है ? मैंने सवाल पूछा है।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** माननीय सदस्य हमेशा झगड़ा न करें। वह सप्लीमेंटरी के बारे में रूलज को पढ़ें।—श्री विभूति मिश्र।

**श्री विभूति मिश्र :** सरकार आसाम वाटम का दाम कलकता शहर में तय करती है। क्या सरकार सोच रही है कि उसके बजाये वह प्राइमरी मार्केट में मिनिमम प्राइम तय करे, ताकि ग्रोहज के साथ न्याय हो सके ? मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि सारे देश में जहा-जहां जूट सेंटर्ज है, वहां सरकार प्राइमरी मार्केट में मिनिमम प्राइम, रीम्युनेरेटिव तय क्यों नहीं करती है।

**श्री एस० एन० मिश्र :** माननीय सदस्य का कहना सही है कि कलकत्ते में ही कीमत लगाई जाती है। जूट कार्पोरेशन को टायरेकशन है कि प्राइमरी और सेकंडरी मार्केट में हर किस्म के जूट की कीमत लगाई जाये और उसको छपवा कर बंटवाया जाये, ताकि किसान को मही कीमत मिल सके।

#### Mass Rapid Transit System for Delhi

\*656. **SHRI P. M. MEHTA :**  
**SHRI P. GANGADEB :**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the total cost of the survey for the techno-economic feasibility studies for a mass rapid transit system in Delhi ; and

(b) the total amount that has been provided for the survey in the current financial year ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K HANUMANTHAIYA) :** (a) Nearly Rs. 90 lakhs.

(b) Rs. 34.90 lakhs.