

**SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE:** As I mentioned in the statement, naturally the Government of India have to take into account the requirements of all the deficit States like Bengal, Kerala and Maharashtra which will have priority over others. We have also to take into consideration our stock position and the total availability of food. Unfortunately, I do not know what is happening in West Bengal because the crops there are very good. But despite that they are having difficulties. I am sure if all the parties there co-operate, it would be possible to get over the difficulties.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Next question. Shri P. Gangadeb. Absent.

**SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:** I hope he has not been taken out of the House.

**MR. SPEAKER:** He is not in the House. I know it.

**Rural Water Supply Scheme from Maharashtra**

\*506. **SHRI ANNASAHEB GOTKINDE:** Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural water supply schemes forwarded by the State Government of Maharashtra under the accelerated water supply programme for the villages in the drought prone areas and areas inhabited by backward classes;

(b) the number of schemes approved by Government with their estimated cost;

(c) whether the funds released are too short of the actual requirement; and

(d) if so, whether the allotment would be suitably increased so that the progress of the scheme is not hampered?

**THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHOLA PASWAN SHASTRI):** (a) 136 schemes at a

total estimated cost of Rs. 520.03 lakhs were sent by the Government of Maharashtra.

(b) 87 schemes costing Rs. 323.53 lakhs were approved by the Central Government.

(c) and (d). In 1972-73, a sum of Rs. 106 lakhs was released to the State Government and they were advised to select and take up schemes out of the approved list of schemes, the cost of which can be met from within the available allocation. In the current year a sum of Rs. 70 lakhs has been allocated to the State for these schemes. In view of the pressing need for economy and the contemplated economy cut in the budget provision for the current year, there is no scope for any increased allocation of funds at present.

**SHRI ANNASAHEB GOTKINDE:** Government now seem to be thinking in terms of economy. At the time when this particular scheme was taken up the idea was to complete them within a period of two years. Out of 136 schemes sent by the State Government 87 schemes were approved by the Centre. May I know whether the work in respect of these 87 approved schemes is in full swing? What is the position in respect of the other schemes? What is the actual expenditure incurred by the State Government during the year 1972-73 on these schemes?

**SHRI BHOLA PASWAN SHASTRI:** So far as the expenditure incurred by the State Government is concerned, that information is not available. Government will have to get it from the State Government. If the hon. Member wants to have that information, I will write to the State Government and get it.

So far as the Rural Water Supply Scheme is concerned, we have found 87 schemes in accordance with the principle which was followed in selecting the villages.

**SHRI ANNASAHEB GOTKHINGDE:** I fail to understand this. I put a very specific question and I get the answer that necessary information is not with the Government.

**MR. SPEAKER:** You better don't give the information yourself; you elicit the information.

**SHRI ANNASAHEB GOTKHINGDE:** I have asked what is the actual expenditure incurred by the State Government.

**SHRI BHOLA PASWAN SHASTRI:** This information is not available. How can I give the information?

**SHRI ANNASAHEB GOTKHINGDE:** I want to put my second supplementary.

In view of the fact that the State Government has already incurred more expenditure than the amount allocated by the Centre and, in view of the fact that the work on approved schemes is in full swing, may I know whether the Government will reconsider their decision to slow down the work on these schemes and allocate additional amount for on-going schemes?

**SHRI BHOLA PASWAN SHASTRI:** This is a request for action.

**MR. SPEAKER:** It is not a request for action. He is asking whether those schemes will get more allocation of money or not, because they have not been completed.

**SHRI BHOLA PASWAN SHASTRI:** That will depend upon the availability of funds.

**SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT:** May I know how many schemes which were actually started by the State Government had to be held up because the funds were not given by the Central Government?

**SHRI BHOLA PASWAN SHASTRI:** This does not arise out of it.

**SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT:** How it does not arise? It does arise out of it.

Some schemes were actually started by the State Government. As the hon. Minister said, they have been held up for want of funds. I want to know how many schemes are there which are held up because the funds were not released by the Central Government.

**SHRI BHOLA PASWAN SHASTRI:** 87 schemes were approved; others remain to be approved.

**श्री ई० बी० बिसे पाटिल :** सरकार की आर्थिक स्थिति को देखते हुए सूखा प्रदेश में पीने के पानी की स्कीम है उस को सरकार प्रायरीटी देना चाहती है ? या आर्थिक स्थिति के कारण इस स्कीम को भी रोकना चाहती है ?

**श्री भोला पस्वान शास्त्री :** स्कीम कोई नहीं रोकना चाहते । उत्तर प्रदेश का भी खयाल है और प्रदेशों का भी खयाल है ।

**श्री ई० बी० बिसे पाटिल :** उत्तर प्रदेश का सवाल नहीं है, सूखा प्रदेश का सवाल है।

**श्री भोला पस्वान शास्त्री :** सूखा प्रदेश में वाटर सप्लाई और सेनॉटेशन स्टेट गवर्नमेंट का सबजेक्ट है । जो भी अभिस्टेंस हम दे रहे हैं महत्वपूर्ण समस्या समझ कर जो कुछ पैसा सेंट्रल बैंकर में है उस में से देते हैं । लेकिन प्राइमरी तौर पर इस मामले में स्टेट गवर्नमेंट की जवाबदेही है ।

**SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER:** I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he is aware that Kolhapur district of Maharashtra is a famine- and drought-affected area and if so, how many rural water supply schemes have been taken up to remove the water scarcity in Kolhapur district of Maharashtra.

**MR. SPEAKER:** This is not district-wise information; this is State-wise information. I have no objection if he has got the information.

**SHRI BHOLA PASWAN SHASTRI:** So far as Kolhapur is concerned, I have no information; I cannot say just now about any particular district.

भी मूलबन्ध ढाया : कई बार सदन में आशवासन दिया गया है कि जिन जिन गांवों में खारा पीने का पानी है उन उन गांवों को प्राथमिकता दी जाएगी और केन्द्र उस पर पूरा ध्यान देगा। ये जो योजनाएँ बनती हैं इनका आधावर क्या है ? कितने प्रतिशत रूपया केन्द्रीय सरकार और कितने प्रतिशत रूपया राज्य सरकारें खर्च करती

भी भोला पट्टनायक शास्त्री: जहां तक पीने के पानी का सवाल है सरकार पूरे तौर पर मुस्तैद है, उस में किसी बात की कमी नहीं है। यह राज्य सरकार का विषय होते हुए भी केन्द्रीय सरकार इसके महत्व को समझती है और ऐसा सोचती है कि यहां से भी मदद होनी चाहिये। जो कुछ केन्द्रीय सरकार मदद देती है वह शत प्रतिशत प्रांट होती है। जिस स्कीम के बारे में प्रश्न है वह उन इलाकों के बारे में है जहां हरिजन, आदिवासी और गरीब लोग रहते हैं, वहां जो पानी मिलता है उसको पीने से हैजा, प्लेग वगैरह बीमारियां हो जाती हैं या जहां गरीब लोगों को एक एक मील से पानी लाना पड़ता है। इसके लिए खास कर सेंट्रल ग्रिसिस्टेंस मिलती है स्टेट गवनमेंट्स को। वैसे एरियाज बे चुन कर भेजें और हम मदद करेंगे। उसी सिलमिले में यह मदद की जा रही है।

**Steps for ensuring adequate quantity of food supply in view of world food situation**

\*509. SHRI DINESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether prospects of the world food situation in 1973 and 1974 are depressing; and

(b) if so, what Government propose to do to ensure adequate supplies in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) Due to a large number of imponderables, it is difficult to make a firm forecast about the world food situation in 1974. However, the recent F.A.O. Conference in Rome concluded that the world cereal balance in 1973-74 seems likely to be less precarious than had been feared in early autumn.

(b) The position is continuously under review; such steps as considered necessary from time to time are taken to maintain supply of foodgrains in the country.

SHRI DINESH SINGH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, this raises two or three important questions. The hon. Minister has said that the situation is not as bad as it was expected to be; but I take it that it is still going to be a difficult situation. And that is compounded by the energy crisis in which we are likely to have shortage of fertiliser. Now the world food market is also depressed. Our own production is going to be low. Therefore, what specific steps are being contemplated? It is not enough to say that steps are being thought of. What are the steps that the Government is thinking of so that we do not have a very acute shortage next year?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: It will not be correct to say that our production this year is likely to be low. So far as the prospects this year of kharif crop are concerned, the kharif crop is being harvested and we are having a very good kharif harvest. So far as rabi crop is concerned, the prospects appear to be very encouraging. Therefore, based on the present trends, as far as our domestic situation is concerned, I think, there is nothing which should make us take a discouraging view.

As far as the world situation is concerned, many complex situations are developing. First of all, the world surpluses are getting depleted. That is