

of Parliament? When will bifurcation be done? People in the Congress camp itself are not able to agree to the proposal of Home Minister Shri Dikshit and also Shri Pant. For the last four years this exercise has been going on. How long will this exercise go on like this? Why should the Telengana people be deprived of a separate State without which they cannot have their political rights?

SHRI K. C. PANT: During the last four years, discussions have been going on. I would just remind my hon. friend Shri Giri, that before the Mulki Rules judgment of the Supreme Court, all the matters had been sorted out and we were practically in a position to establish a complete agreement and all the parties had agreed to certain things. It was only the Supreme Court Judgment which created a new situation. Before that, actually, the problem had been sorted out to the satisfaction of both the sides. But the new situation arose, and after that, as he rightly says, the Prime Minister had said that, after normalcy was restored, we could hold discussions... (Interruptions) with those who advocate bifurcation and with those who advocate integration and some others. We are trying to find a way-out. We have been meeting all of them.

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* 42. डा० लक्ष्मी नारायण पांडेय :
श्री सी० के० चन्नायन :

क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आवश्यक उपभोक्ता वस्तुओं के मूल्यों में वृद्धि का पांचवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना पर प्रभाव पड़ेगा ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो सरकार ने इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्रवाई की है ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA):(a) and (b). Any such increase is bound to have its effects. However the draft Fifth Five Year Plan is still under formulation. The effect of the increase registered in the prices of essential commodities will be duly taken into account in its finalisation. There will, however, be no departure from the basic objectives of growth with reduction in inequalities and self-reliance.

डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडेय मंत्री महोदय ने स्वीकार किया है कि किसी भी मूल्य वृद्धि का प्रभाव निश्चित ढंग से पंचवर्षीय योजना पर होगा। इस संबंध में मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि पांचवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना बनाने समय जिन वस्तुओं के मूल्य आपने प्रारम्भ में प्राँके थे वे कितने थे और उन में अब तक कितने प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई है और उस वृद्धि को देखने हुए आपके पूरे प्लेन एस्टीमेट में कितनी वृद्धि ग्रथवा कितने प्रतिशत की कटौती करनी पड़ेगी ?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA. The figures mentioned in the Approach document are based on the prices of 1971-72, and if my hon. friend is interested in knowing the figures, I can certainly quote them....

MR. SPEAKER: They have been mentioned here.

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA: For the information of the House, I am prepared to repeat. Food articles—I am talking of the percentage increase or decrease in the index of the wholesale prices....

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: When were they mentioned here, Sir?

MR. SPEAKER: They were all quoted in the debate. But if you want him to repeat, he can repeat.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA. When were they quoted here, Sir?

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA. We were not allowed to have any debate....

MR. SPEAKER During the debate on Adjournment Motion they were quoted here.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA. It is the very basis of this question—how far the increase in prices has affected the Fifth Five Year Plan

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA In the year 1972-73 for food articles the wholesale price index was up by 13.9 per cent while in the last week of June 1973, over June 1972 they were up by 22.7 per cent. Now, these food articles include foodgrains, cereals, edible oils, vanaspati, sugar and allied products. About Chemicals they were up in 1972-73 over 1971-72 prices by 1.8 per cent. Last week of June 1973 over June 1972 they were up by 5.3 per cent. Machinery and transport equipment in 1972-73 over 1971-72 they were up by 5.8 per cent and last week of June 1973 over June 1972 they were up by 4.4 per cent. Similarly, for manufactures including iron and steel and cement they were up by 5.7 per cent in 1972-73 over 1971-72 and last week of June 1973 over June 1972 by 8.4 per cent.

डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडेय मंत्री महोदय ने यह स्वीकार किया है कि आवश्यक उपभोक्ता वस्तुओं के मूल्य में भारी अर्थात्—22.7 प्रतिशत तक—वृद्धि हुई है। उन्होंने यह भी कहा है कि इस वृद्धि के बावजूद हम किसी भी दशा में आत्म-निर्भरता को प्राप्त करने के लक्ष्य से पीछे नहीं हटेंगे और आत्म-निर्भरता के सिद्धांत के आधार पर पांचवीं पंच-वर्षीय योजना को पूरा

करेंगे। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि आत्म-निर्भरता को प्राप्त करने के लिए सरकार ने कौन कौन से उपाय अपनाये हैं, जिन के द्वारा हम पांचवीं पंच-वर्षीय योजना को पूरा कर सकेंगे।

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA It is all mentioned in the Approach Document of the Fifth Five Year Plan. As stated there, in the core sector and in the agricultural and industrial sector we are resolved to reach self-sufficiency. It is all shown in detail in the said document.

डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडेय. पांचवीं पंच-वर्षीय योजना के एप्रोच डॉक्यूमेंट में जो उपाय दिये गये हैं, आवश्यक उपभोक्ता वस्तुओं के मूल्यों में भारी वृद्धि को देखते हुए क्या सरकार ने उन उपायों के अतिरिक्त कोई अन्य उपाय भी मुझाये हैं, जिन के द्वारा हम आत्म-निर्भरता के सिद्धांत के आधार पर पांचवीं पंच-वर्षीय योजना को पूरा कर सकते हैं?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA: We have appointed one Working Group to consider the financial resources which will take into consideration all these aspects.

With your permission, I would like to bring to the notice of this hon. House that it is true that the prices of essential articles, particularly, food-stuffs have gone up by 22 per cent while in respect of machinery and transport equipment and such other basic industries they have gone up by 4 to 6 per cent. Naturally, all these will have to be taken into consideration. We are now considering what new fiscal decisions could be introduced and how we can make our investments more productive and how the gestation period can be narrowed down. All these are under consideration and we are expecting the report within two to three weeks.

SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD: While appreciating the Government's reply in generalised terms, may I know, as compared to the figures quoted in the Plan document as approved by the National Development Council last June, what in terms of resources to be raised by the Union and State Governments would now be increased in terms of the current prices? That we want to know in concrete terms.

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI D. P. DHAR): It is common ground that prices have recorded a very steep rise and in this background it has become necessary to make a very detailed and a very thorough exercise regarding the availability of resources. That is why, in spite of the laughter of derision which I heard from my friend Mr. Jyotirmoy Bosu, I would like to say that in the background of the rise in prices, it is essential that the Planning Commission should begin and we have already begun a detailed analysis of the effect on the resources position of the rise in prices. As I have said, we have not to give new dimensions quantitatively and in financial terms to the Plan and this exercise is being processed at the present moment.

SHRI PILOO MODY: How many years of Plan holiday? (Interruption) You may call it by any name

SHRI DINESH CHANDRA GOSWAMI: The price index for the last few years have shown that the prices of essential commodities have gone up to a considerable extent, whereas the prices of luxury goods, the articles of consumption of the elite, have not gone up to the same extent. In view of this fact, has the Government got any proposal to put a moratorium or at least to curtail production of the articles of luxury nature, articles which go for consumption of the elite, in order to facilitate the growth of the Plan?

SHRI D. P. DHAR: It is an extremely useful and important suggestion

which the hon. Member has made. One of the features of the measure which we will have to take is certainly to reduce the consumption levels of the affluent sections of society. When I say this, it hurts Mr. Mody because he is jumping in his seat. It certainly becomes necessary to reduce the consumption standards and consumption investment for the affluent people. Similarly we shall have to introduce certain disciplines in the sphere of inessential expenditure. That is what we propose to do to meet the situation.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: May I know whether, in the name of introducing new disciplines, as a result of this extraordinary price rise, the Planning Commission is thinking in terms of not taking up any new projects in the Fifth Plan, until and unless the incomplete or unfinished plans and projects of the Fourth Plan are completed and finished? If so, would that not amount to, not to a plan holiday, but to a pause in the growth of the Plan?

SHRI D. P. DHAR: No, Sir. That is not so and that cannot be so. That cannot be so for the simple reason that in a situation of a global nature, it has become all the more imperative for India to invest, and energetically invest, in those sectors of our economy, where dependence on imports is almost pathetic at the moment. When we are talking of the resources position with regard to the Plan allocations, we have, I beg to submit, not only to take into account the price rise of commodities within our own country. We have also to take into account the steep rise of prices of essential commodities in the international sphere where they have more than double during the last one year. Take oil for instance. Take foodgrains for instance. The prices have more than doubled. Whenever such increased prices abroad tend to affect our economy, we have to examine the matter afresh. It is essential, that Planning should acquire

a new significance, a new dimension, a new meaning in this country. I assure the hon. Member that all investments in the core sectors (which would lead to less dependence on imports) would be stepped up.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the hon. Minister kindly clarify whether in any of the exercises that are being made, there is any proposal to reduce the future plan allocations in respect of other essential sectors other than the core sector, but all the same, essential? Is there any such proposal with the Minister to make any reductions or any cut? Will he kindly assure us that it is not so? What is the position?

SHRI D. P. DHAR: As I said, these studies are at the present moment under way, and it would be premature for me to specify the recommendations which may emerge as a result of these studies. But I can assure the hon. Member that the important sectors of economy will not suffer for lack of investment. But, nevertheless, some sacrifices will have to be made if we have to save our economy and its independence.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: I hope they will be non-priority sectors.

SHRI D. P. DHAR: Of course.

SHRI PILOO MODY: The hon. Minister seems to be allergic to the words 'Plan holiday', and, therefore, he decided that he would call it by my name. Let us assume that he will have to 'Mody-fy' the plan as a result of the steep rises in prices. By whatever name he calls it, the fact of the matter is....

MR. SPEAKER. That word was used by the hon. Member's distinguished father in this House.

SHRI PILOO MODY: I bone there is no bar to re-using it. So, I hope he will be able to explain to us where

and how he is going to get the resources necessary for completing the Plan in the terms in which he has described it, namely that there will be no starvation of resources in the core sector etc. etc. and how he is going to stop the invasion of high costs abroad into our country. Where is he going to get the resources from? I do not want a facetious answer such as he tried to give earlier on by saying that he is going to cut down the consumption of goods by Piloo Mody, because after all, if he has had to cut down his consumption, it may have been because of health reasons, but I am perfectly healthy.

SHRI D. P. DHAR: I wish I were in the fortunate position of 'modifying' the plan, because then I would not have to worry about its size. The fact remains and it is with the deepest sympathy that I have got to submit it for the health of my hon. friend Shri Piloo Mody that some unessential articles of consumption in which he overindulges will have to be reduced.

SHRI PILOO MODY: So, the reply remains facetious.

SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE: May I know whether it is a fact that the cost of production worked out at the initial stages is always found to be more when the implementation is over, and whether it is not a fact that the original cost of production differs from the cost after implementation sometimes by more than 100 or even 200 per cent? If that be so, will the hon. Minister assure us that the projects undertaken in the Fifth Plan can be undertaken and implemented?

SHRI D. P. DHAR: If I may submit with all respect, planning in itself means an instrument of flexibility. It is true that from day to day, and from year to year, certain changes take place in the objective

conditions in which the plan has got to be framed and has got to be given shape and form. That is why the instrumentality of the yearly plans has been woven into the frame of Five Year Plans, and all these facts which the hon. Member has mentioned are duly taken into account while formulating the annual plans.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: Two things make us apprehensive about the Fifth Five Year Plan, two statements which have been made by the hon. Minister. One is that there are efforts afoot to give a new dimension to the Fifth Five Year Plan. One really does not know what is meant by the newness of the dimension.

SHRI PILOO MODY: It is a new expression.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: Will the newness come about by a reduction in the Plan? What is meant by this 'newness' which he wants to impart to the Fifth Plan?

SHRI PILOO MODY: Shrinking.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: Secondly, he said he could not assure us that there would not be any reduction in the allocations for the various physical targets in the Plan. That being so, one does not know whether we would continue the plan holiday, in the midst of which we find ourselves. Would the hon. Minister say something about the two concepts which he has tried to introduce into this?

SHRI D. P. DHAR: With your permission, I will answer the second part of the question first, which implies the cessation of the process of planning for some time, which is euphemistically called plan holiday. My submission is that this concept is being advocated merely on the unfortunate ground that prices

have recorded an all-time high during the last one year.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: No one is advocating it; you are actually practising it.

SHRI D. P. DHAR: This is one reason why a plan holiday which means an interruption in the process of planning is being, if not advocated, talked about. The purpose of planning is exactly to meet all the aberrant situations in the state of the economy. We are facing today a strange and a very unwelcome aberration in the state of the economy. Therefore, planning has got to take that into account; otherwise, it would be an empty shell. Planning has got to be responsive....

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: So you can call anything a plan, although it might not be so really.

SHRI D. P. DHAR: What I call planning is exactly in the same terms, with the same meaning, with the same concept and with the same interpretation which Shyambabu used to do when he was Minister of Planning.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: That we do not find at all since 1966. That kind of planning does not exist.

SHRI D. P. DHAR: I hope I have the privilege of using all these words of wisdom not as my own but as those which he let fall from time to time when he was in charge of Planning.

Therefore, I would submit with due respect that in order to meet with this new challenge in the state of the economy, the Plan has got to be responsive, it has got to reflect these new moods of the economy.

As for the first question, that, if I may submit, is automatically ans-

wered by the submissions I have made.

SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOU-DHURY: May I know whether any preliminary assessment has been made before committing to this working group in monetary terms as to how much increase or decrease there will be in the size of the Plan? Also, how much time does Government envisage this working group will take in completing its studies?

SHRI D. P. DHAR: If we had come to a preliminary conclusion with regard to the financial size of the Plan, its decrease or possibly increase, then I submit the task of this working group would have been infructuous. I would submit with all respect that we shall have to wait with some patience the conclusions which the working group will arrive at.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: You have a full-fledged Resources Division in the Planning Commission. That cannot even provide a preliminary assessment? We are paying for the Resources Division in the Planning Commission (*Interruption*).

SHRI D. P. DHAR: I feel extremely sad that I have inadvertently caused Shyamnandan Babu to lose his temper.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: No. no (*Interruption*).

SHRI D. P. DHAR: But the truth of the matter is that the Resources Division, for which, as Shyamnandan Babu very correctly and very rightly brought to the knowledge of this hon. House that the exchequer is paying—and it is not doing this work honourably—is exactly engaged in this work. As he had been very kind occasionally to come to the Planning Commission, I will be only too happy to share with him the extent of the work that has already

been done in this regard. But surely he will agree with me that it would be unfair to the hon. members of this House if I come with half-baked figures at this stage. Therefore, I feel that this hon. House would bear with me for a little while more so that I am in a position to give figures which would be reasonable, which would be certain.

TV Stations to be set up during Fifth Plan Period

*43. **SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new T.V. Stations to be set up during the Fifth Plan period and the places at which these Stations are proposed to be set up; and

(b) the total amount proposed to be allocated for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) and (b). The Fifth Plan proposals for development of Television network are under consideration of Planning Commission and have not yet been finalised. It is not possible at present to indicate the outlay for the purpose.

SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: Then I will ask about the Fourth Plan. (a) May I know the progress made in the TV network in the country, amount spent so far and the expenditure likely to be incurred by the end of the Fourth Plan? (b) To what extent have we achieved self-sufficiency in technical know-how? (c) Is there a plan to expand the Delhi TV centre? If so, what is the time