

काम पर प्रमत्त शूक करेमे ।

DR. KARAN SINGH: The hon. Minister should address the Chair.

श्री लक्ष्मी नारायण नायक : मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस देश में जो पिछड़े प्रदेश हैं जैसे मध्यप्रदेश और दूसरे प्रदेश हैं, जहाँ पर कि अभी उद्योग नहीं हैं, तो क्या उन प्रदेशों का इन कार्य में प्राथमिकता दी जायेगी ?

श्री ज्ञान पननिवास : सरल इंडस्ट्रियल प्रोजेक्ट्स के अन्तर्गत अब तक देश के कुल 111 जिलों का कुछ विशेष सहायता देकर औद्योगिक विकास गाँवों में ले जाने का प्रयास चल रहा था। अब जिस नई योजना को हम बना रहे हैं ; उसमें 111 जिलों से बढ़ाकर 250 जिलों तक ले जा रहे हैं। हमारा यह प्रयास है कि पहले 18 महीनों में देश के समूचे जिलों को इस योजना के अन्तर्गत लाया जाय ताकि कुछ ही जिलों को पिछड़ा मानकर जो सहायता देने की बात था, उससे हटकर देश के तमाम जिलों का, जिनको प्राथमिक विकास और औद्योगिक विकास में पिछड़ा मानते हैं, सहायता मिल सक ।

SHRI C. N. VISWANATHAN: Regarding rural industries, I want to know whether this government is going to form a separate corporation instead of small scale industries and large scale industries and will these corporations or rural industries be completely aided by the centre or will they only be partly aided?

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES. There is no proposal to form a corporation for rural industries and I do not believe it is necessary to have any corporation for rural industries. Our efforts are to see that there is greater decentralisation and, therefore, right down to the district and the lowest administrative unit level, we would like to have people take

the initiative. And, in so far as the Government of India's involvement is concerned, that is primarily in helping the people to identify the industries; and to get the necessary marketing, finance and managerial capabilities.

SHR. C. N. VISWANATHAN: My second supplementary is...

MR. SPEAKER: The second man will have only one supplementary.

SHRI YASHWANT BOROLE: May I know whether any survey has been made from the point of view of seeing whether there is any infra-structure available for starting rural industries and whether there are any possibilities of sources of material that have been collected by this government and whether there has been any plan prepared on the basis of this survey.

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: There are techno-economic surveys of almost all the districts in the country. I do not think it will be necessary to go in for a special national survey on infra structure for rural areas.

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: I would like to know from the hon. Minister what does he mean by the term 'rural industries'? Does it include sophisticated industries located in rural areas or only such industries as are capable of doing development with rural raw materials available?

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: When we discuss programme of rural industrialisation, we are concerned both the development of the rural cottage sector as also mechanised sector that operates in the rural areas.

Review of Subsidy Policy for Sixth Plan

*128. SHRI PRASANNBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission are reviewing subsidy policy in the

context of resource mobilisation for the Sixth Plan; and

(b) if so, the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) and (b). Existing subsidies and subventions of all kinds are currently being reviewed by sectoral Working Groups for the next five-year Plan. The implications of continuing, reducing or abolishing the subsidies would then be considered by the Planning Commission in consultation with the Ministry of Finance, in the course of estimation of resources for the 1978-83 Plan. The results of the review and examination would be indicated in the Draft Plan for the period 1978-83.

SHRI PRASANNBHAI MEHTA: I would like to know from the hon. Prime Minister if it is a fact that the Planning Commission is having a hard look at the Government subsidy policy on two countries:

- (i) in the context of resources mobilisation;
- (ii) that the subsidy element has proved not much beneficial to the general economy. If so, when will the final decision be taken in regard to subsidy to fertilizers, electricity, irrigation, food and exports?

SHRI MORARJI DESAI: I cannot say immediately what will be done. We are reviewing the whole question of subsidies.

SHRI PRASANNBHAI MEHTA: I would like to know from the hon. Prime Minister whether the Commission had tentatively fixed the size of the Sixth Plan? Is it a bigger Plan? If so, to what extent?

SHRI MORARJI DESAI: We do not start with fixing the size of the Plan and then go into the Plan. We start with having mobilisation of re-

sources, necessity and then fix the Plan. That time has not yet come.

डा० रामजी सिंह : सबसिडी समाप्त करने की जो भावना है, क्या वह पिछड़े इलाकों पर भी लागू होगी, और जिन उद्योगों को सबसिडी की आवश्यकता पड़ती है, क्या उन की भी सबसिडी समाप्त करने की योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है ?

श्री मोरारजी देसाई : अगर सबसिडी को समाप्त करना है, तो जहाँ वह जरूरी है, वहाँ उसे समाप्त नहीं किया जायेगा, चाहे वह क्षेत्र पिछड़ा हुआ हो या नहीं। अगर सबसिडी देना जरूरी होगा, तो वह दी जायेगी और अगर जरूरी नहीं होगा, तो वह नहीं दी जायेगी।

SHRI SAUGATA ROY: In view of the fact that commercial irrigation in this country is suffering a loss of Rs. 250 crores every year and the State Electricity Boards total loss is amounting to Rs. 130 crores every year and that all the benefits in the rural areas of developmental planning is going to the Kulaks and the rural rich, does the Prime Minister consider it immediately necessary to withdraw subsidy especially in fields of commercial irrigation and power to rural areas.

SHRI MORARJI DESAI: It will be considered on merits.

Proposal to reorganise existing states

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*130. **SHRI CHITTA BASU:**
SHRI NIRMAL CHANDRA
JAIN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under consideration any proposal to reorganise some of the existing States into smaller units for greater administrative efficiency and for removal of regional imbalances; and