

बूक रुई का दाम निरन्तर बिरता जा रहा है और जो रा-मैटीरियल पैदा करते हैं, उनके दाम कम हो रहे हैं, लोगों की पर्चीजग पावर कम हो रही है इसलिए क्या लोगों को कपड़े की खपत कम होती जा रही है ?

कपड़े पर जो हर मीटर पर दाम छपे रहते हैं, क्या मंत्री जी को यह जानकारी है कि वह मीटर भी कम रहते हैं, क्या ऐसी भी जानकारी है कि बोगस मीटर रहते हैं और दाम छपे रहते हैं ?

जो कंट्रोल क्लाय है, उसका उत्पादन कितना बढ़ा है और उसकी खपत कितनी है और फेशनेबल क्लोथ का उत्पादन कितना है और उसकी खपत किस हिसाब से हो रही है ?

श्री जार्ज फर्नाण्डिस : कंट्रोल क्लाय 40 करोड़ का बनता है, उसमें किसी भी प्रकार की कमी नहीं हुई है। हर मीटर पर दाम लिखकर जो भ्रामा है, वह मीटर हो कम होता है, यह शिकायत आज तक नहीं हुई है, पहली बार मैं आप से सुन रहा हूँ। जहाँ तक कपड़े के उत्पादन में कमी का सवाल है, यह सही है कि पिछले 10-12 वर्ष में प्रतिवर्ष कपड़े की उपलब्धि कम होती रही है, उत्पादन कम होता रहा है, लेकिन माननीय सदस्य को इस बात से खुशी होनी चाहिए कि पिछला जो वर्ष समाप्त हुआ है, इस साल के विकसित क्षेत्र में कपड़े के उत्पादन में 11 फीसदी की वृद्धि हुई है जो कि पिछले 30 सालों में कभी नहीं हुई। मिल के कपड़े में वृद्धि हुई है 2.6 फीसदी जो कि ग्रामतौर पर पिछले 10, 12 सालों की स्थिति के मुकाबले में अच्छी रही है। पिछले साल में जो सरकार की नीति चली है, उसके चलते कपड़े के उत्पादन में 9 फीसदी वृद्धि हो चुकी है। यह पिछले 30 वर्षों की रिकार्ड क्षमता है। रुई के दाम जो कम हो रहे हैं और कपड़े के दाम के मामले

में मिल के मालिकों से बातचीत की भी और उस सम्बन्ध में जो निर्णय हुए हैं, उनको लेकर मैं जल्दी ही इस सदन के सामने प्रार्थना।

Plan Outlay for Meghalaya in sixth Plan

*955. SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the total plan outlay for Meghalaya during the Sixth Five Year Plan; and

(b) how much money is proposed on the Centrally sponsored schemes?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) and (b): The Sixth Five Year Plan 1978-83 of Meghalaya is under consideration.

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Mr. Spekar. Sir, the State of Meghalaya and for that matter the entire North-Eastern region, has been neglected for a long time and most of the States in our region are newly created States. They are hilly and backward areas of our country and therefore for the developmental works also it costs more in so far as these States are concerned. Another point is since our Meghalaya State is consisting of more than 80 per cent of the tribal population, we are deprived of a large amount of sanction from the total amount allocated for Tribal Sub-Plan. They have not been included in the Tribal Sub-Plan. I am given to understand that the Government of Meghalaya has asked for Rs. 292 crores for the Sixth Plan. In view of the fact that our State has been excluded from the Tribal Sub-Plan and also because of the remoteness and backwardness of the State, I would like to know from the hon. Prime Minister whether the amount of Rs. 292 crores as asked for by the State Government will be given.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): The State can ask for any amount of money when it does

not produce goods worth even a small amount of that money. They can ask for any amount. In the Fifth Year Plan, the allocation was Rs. 89.0 crores and therefore it is impossible to give them Rs. 292 crores.

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Recently, the National Development Council is reported to have decided to cut some amount from the centrally sponsored schemes and give it to the State Government for their disposal. I would like to know from the hon. Prime Minister whether the money saved out of the reduction from the centrally sponsored schemes will be made available to the State of Meghalaya, if so, how much, if not, why not?

SHRI MORARJI DESAI: There will be some amount available to them, but how much, has not yet been fixed. So, 'why not' does not arise.

SHRI KUSUM KRISHNA MURTHY: As we know, the tribal population is about 80 per cent in Meghalaya, and in view of this, they need priority in the investment for their developmental programme. Therefore whether the Prime Minister would assure this House that the total amount of allocations made in the Draft plan for Meghalaya would be retained even if there will be cut in the total outlay of the plan finally.

MR. SPEAKER: Whether the allocation made for Meghalaya in the Draft Plan will be retained?

SHRI MORARJI DESAI: It is going to be retained. Where is the question of not retaining it?

Procurement of Mutton Tallow by Small Soap Industries

*956. **SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether small soap industries in the State are facing problems of

procuring unadulterated mutton tallow at a lower price and this has resulted in 75 per cent of the production capacity in the industry remaining unutilised; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No representations except from the State of West Bengal have been recently received by the Office of the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries, Government of India regarding small soap industries facing problems of procuring unadulterated mutton tallow at a lower price resulting in 75 per cent of production capacity in the industry remaining unutilised.

(b) In the representation of West Bengal Small Scale Soap Makers Association, Calcutta dated the 20th March, 1979 the following main problems have been brought out:—

(i) Many units got material adulterated with water and other foreign matter, there is also discrepancy of tare and gross weight.

(ii) No facilities for checking quality and weight of materials provided at filling contractor's delivery centre.

(iii) In addition to filling charges, WBSIC charges 10 per cent extra which could be reduced to 2½ per cent which is margin of profit of WBSIC, if units took direct delivery from STC's installation point.

(iv) Price increased by WBSIC from Rs. 5375/- to Rs. 6,100/- per M.T. notwithstanding the fact that STC did not augment the price and filling contractors rate is even lower this year than of last years.

The Director, Cottage and Small Scale Industries, Government of West Bengal has been urged to intervene in the matter personally for sorting