

the Managing Director. But have they got a scheme for the whole of India? If so, when are they going to implement it?

**SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR :** At the present juncture, thanks to some of the hon. Members, the issue has gone to the Supreme Court and we cannot directly give any instructions to the bank.

**SHRI RANGA :** Is there any scheme?

**SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR :** Direct instructions to the banks cannot be issued at the present juncture. Even then, so far as the nationalised banks are concerned, on the basis of their experience in the Patiala region, South Canara and one or two other places, they are preparing the scheme. I cannot just spell out the nature of the scheme.

**श्री प० ना० बाबूपाल :** जब किसान ऋण लेने के लिए प्रार्थनापत्र देता है, तो वह इस प्रकार के सब प्रमाणपत्र प्रस्तुत करता है कि उस के ऊपर, या उसकी जमीन पर किसी प्रकार का ऋण नहीं है। लेकिन यह देखा जाता है कि किसान द्वारा सब प्रमाणपत्र दिये जाने और अच्छी जमीन गिरवी रखे जाने के बावजूद उससे जमानत मांगी जाती है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार किसानों को ऋण मिलने में इस तरह की कठिनाइयों को दूर करने के लिए कोई उचित पय उठायेगी।

**SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR :** So far as creditworthiness and getting some sort of a security are concerned, the scheme has been simplified though not finalised. I have seen it with my own eyes near Patiala that for landless labourers, who have been settled there and have been made owners, the scheme of security has been simplified. I spent some time there to study the scheme and from my own experience I do not think kisans have any complaints. But I would not say that everywhere this scheme has been made applicable at the present juncture but these difficulties are being looked into.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### U. S. S. R. Project Aid to India

\*454. **SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of the project aid received by the Government of India from the Soviet Government, so far ;

(b) the amount of the aid which remained unutilised at the end of the Third Plan period ;

(c) the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the manner in which the unutilised amount is proposed to be utilised ?

**THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) :** (a) to (d). The total amount of project aid made available by the Soviet Government till the end of the Third Plan was 925.36 million roubles, including an advance credit of 200 million roubles for the Bokaro Steel Plant A further credit of 300 million roubles has been extended for Fourth Plan projects.

Against the credits amounting to 926.36 million roubles, orders for the total value of 597.31 million roubles were placed leaving a balance of 328.05 million roubles yet to be ordered at the end of the Third Plan period. Further orders placed since then amount to 230.58 million roubles. The amount drawn till the end of the Third Plan period was 533.09 million roubles and as of 31st October, 1969, the amount drawn was 726.67 million roubles.

The bulk of the project financed under Soviet credits fall within industrial, mining and intra-structure fields involving long gestation periods. The utilisation of credit is linked with implementation which involves considerable time in the case of such projects. This factor along with greater availability of indigenous equipment leading to less requirements under imports than originally envisaged have resulted in a part of the credit remaining unutilised at the end of the Third Plan period.

As at present, the total amount of Soviet credit remaining uncommitted is about 376 million roubles of which 279 million roubles

are from the credit extended for the Fourth Plan projects. A list of projects proposed to be financed under the credit for Fourth Plan projects is already included in the credit agreement. In the context of the finalisation of the Fourth Plan, this list is being reviewed in consultation with the Soviet authorities. Certain additional schemes for financing under the credit are also being examined.

### शेष अनुसूचित बैंकों का राष्ट्रीयकरण

\*456. श्री रामावतार शर्मा : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या शेष अनुसूचित बैंकों के राष्ट्रीयकरण की योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उक्त योजना के कब तक क्रियान्वित किए जाने की आशा है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्र० चं० सेठी) : (क) इस समय ऐसी कोई योजना विचाराधीन नहीं है ।

(ख) यह भ्रमाल पैदा ही नहीं होता ।

### Import of Oil direct from Middle-East Countries

\*457. SHRI BHOGEN德拉 JHA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether specific efforts have been made with the Arab and other Oil-producing countries of the Middle-East to secure oil directly from them and to export to them textiles, engineering goods and machinery and other goods they import and India can export ;

(b) if so the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

### Fuel Crisis in India by 1975 due to Present Oil Policy

\*458. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :  
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :  
DR. SUSHILA NAYAR :  
SHRI DHIRESWAR KALITA :  
SHRI R. BARUA :  
SHRI C. JANARDHANAN :  
SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :  
SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD  
MANDAL :  
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have seen the Press reports in the *Times of India*, dated the 24th October, 1969 wherein it has been stated that India may face fuel crisis by 1975 ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this is due to the Oil Policy of the country which is now slowly shedding its robust optimism and it is not unlikely that by 1975 economy will be saddled with its biggest crisis ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Against a project overall requirements of about 32 million tonnes of crude oil annually by 1974-75, the planned domestic production from the known fields is about 10 million tonnes per annum by that year.

New exploratory effort in new areas both on-shore and off-shore is being embarked upon. If the oil is discovered in the new areas, indigenous production of crude will go up correspondingly beyond 10 million tonnes.

### U. S. Collaboration in India

\*459. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SHAH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item under the caption "U. S. Collaborators pleased with investments" published in the *Economic Times* of the 6th September, 1969, which pertains to the