

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of this credit; and

(c) if not, when it is likely to be finalised?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): (a) and (b). No Sir. The terms and conditions of the credit are yet to be settled.

(c) This would be done with either by an Indian delegation visiting Sudan or a delegation from their side coming to India. The dates for this have not yet been fixed.

Bridging up gulf between need and achievement

***602. Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:**

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recognise the fact that there was intense public discontent because of the wide gulf between need and achievement;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the administration to bridge the gulf; and

(c) how far the administrative machinery has been geared to the urgency of the situation, created by the non-fulfilment of the minimum necessities, which the people of India were entitled to, even after 18 years of the achievement of freedom?

The Minister of Planning (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) to (c). The whole process of Planning is directed towards raising the living standards of the people over a period of time. Each Five Year Plan has taken us nearer to this goal. The basic objective of the Fourth and Fifth Plans is to provide opportunities of employment to all who seek it and to ensure a minimum level of living to every family in the country by the end of the next ten years or so.

The Government of India have recently set up the Administrative Reforms Commission to examine the

public administration of the country and to make recommendations for its reform, and reorganisation where necessary. In making its recommendations, the Commission will give consideration to the need for making administration a fit instrument for achieving social and economic goals of development.

साथ स्थिति

***603. श्री बिभूति मिश्र :** क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल में योजना आयोग के एक विशेषज्ञ दल की एक बैठक हैदराबाद में हुई थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उन्होंने इस बात पर भी विचार विमर्श किया कि मकानों, कारखानों, सड़कों और नगरों के निर्माण के लिये अच्छी भूमि का अनुवाधुन्ध उपयोग किया जा रहा है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या उसने इस बात पर भी विचार किया था कि यदि भूमि का अधिक उपयोगी कार्यों के लिये प्रयोग नहीं किया गया तो खाद्य स्थिति की अधिक गम्भीर हां जाने की संभावना है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस विशेषज्ञ-दल की सिफारिशें क्या हैं ?

योजना मंत्री (श्री अशोक मेहता) :

(क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) से (घ). प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Economy in Expenditure

***604. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:**

Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 179 on the 11th November, 1965 regarding economy in expenditure and state:

(a) whether the Committee headed by the Cabinet Secretary to review the activities of different Ministries has submitted a report;

(b) if so, its main findings and recommendations; and

(c) whether the Report will be laid on the Table?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) No, Sir. The Committee was not required to submit a formal report to the Government. But the budget estimates of the Ministries for 1966-67, particularly the non-plan portion, were framed on the basis of the conclusions of the Committee reached after discussion with the secretaries of the administrative Ministries.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5795/66]

Retail Prices of Commodities

*605. **Shri Madhu Limaye:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have compiled statistics about the increase in the retail prices of essential commodities like cereals (open market), kerosene, pulses, edible oils, sugar and cloth during the period from September, 1965 to February, 1966;

(b) whether Government have noticed any big gap between the prices fixed by Government manufacturers and the actual prices paid by the consumers; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): (a) to (c). Information is being collected from the concerned authorities.

चौथी योजना में आयोजन का रुझान

*606. **श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद :** क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनका ध्यान इस तथ्य की ओर दिलाया गया है कि तीन योजना अवधियों में हमारे उत्पादन तन्त्र का रुझान जन-साधारण की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने की प्रपेक्षा विलास वस्तुओं के उत्पादन की ओर अधिक रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) क्या चौथी योजना में इस रुझान में कोई परिवर्तन होने की संभावना है ?

योजना मंत्री (श्री अशोक मेहता) :

(क) और (ख). हमारी सब विकास योजनाओं में, उत्पादन तन्त्र को आवश्यक उपभोग और पूंजीगत सामान की सप्लाई में विस्तार करने की दिशा में मोड़ देने का प्रयत्न किया जा रहा है, न कि विलास की वस्तुओं का ।

(ग) जैसा कि ऊपर बताया जा चुका है, रुझान में परिवर्तन का प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Power Rates of Public Sector Power Undertakings

*607. **Shri Mohammad Elias:**
Dr. Ramen Sen:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the public sector power supply undertakings in India have recently increased their power rates substantially with a view to increase their earnings as per recommendations of the Venkataraman Committee; and