

(d) No.

**Shri Tangamani:** May I know whether this allotment of Rs. 89 lakhs odd is in addition to the allotment already made under the Second Plan?

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** It is expected that from within the ceiling, the resources for the purpose would be available.

**Shri Tangamani:** There was a press report that an extra 50 per cent. over what has been allotted under the Second Plan was going to be given for minor irrigation because of the importance of minor irrigation. Is that report true?

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** In the interests of additional agricultural production, it has been said by the Planning Commission that whatever adjustments are required to be made will be made through the annual plans.

**Shri Heda:** Is it a fact that these grants are made on the condition that the expenditure will be borne on a 50:50 basis, and if so, in view of the fact that most of the States are running into deficit budgets, have Government assured themselves that the States would be able to bring forth that much finance?

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** I could not catch the full import of the question.

**Shri Heda:** If there is a condition that this amount would be available to the States if an equal amount is also raised by the States, then, in view of the fact that the States have not got adequate money and they are having deficit budgets, have Government assured themselves that the States would be bringing forth the necessary finance? Otherwise, there will be so much amount on paper only, and nothing will be used.

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** That can be only a hypothetical thing at the moment. We have not been confronted with any difficulty at the moment.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Hides and Skins Industry

\*540. **Shri Abdul Salam:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total provision made for the development of hides and skins industry in India during the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Government are trying to find out new foreign markets for tanned skins with a view to promote its trade in foreign countries; and

(c) if so, the success achieved so far in this regard?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) The expenditure proposed to be incurred by Central Government on the schemes for the development of hides and skins is Rs. 5.09 crores;

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is too early to assess results.

### Industrial Workers

\*543. **Shri Narayanankutty Menon:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to set up a uniform basis for granting of bonus to the industrial workers in India; and

(b) the steps that Government have taken to fix fair wages in the various Industries in accordance with the recommendation of the 15th Indian Labour Conference?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) Government's policy in this regard is to encourage voluntary agreements between parties.

(b) The report of the Study Group on wages together with the recommendations of the Indian Labour Conference concerning the same have been circulated to the States Governments and wage fixing authorities set up by the Central Government.