

Shri Satish Chandra: I said that there is a proposal from Yugoslavia to give us assistance in setting up a technological centre for food processing and fruit canning. We have discussed the scope of the proposal with them. The details as to how it should be implemented and what will be included therein are awaited from Yugoslavia.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if any site has been selected for the purpose?

Shri Satish Chandra: The actual site has not been selected. It will be done as soon as the details are received.

Shri D. C. Sharma: What is going to be the approximate cost of this project and how is Yugoslavia going to share the cost with India?

Shri Satish Chandra: The total expenditure would be about Rs. 40 lakhs, and the foreign exchange requirement will be Rs. 25 lakhs which will be covered by loans from Yugoslavia.

U.S. Aid to Under-developed Countries

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*495. { **Shri Shree Narayan Das:**
Shri Radha Raman:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri Hem Barua:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether after Belgrade Neutral Summit Conference there has been any change in the attitude of the Government of U.S.A. towards aid problems of under-developed countries and specially towards aid problems of this country;

(b) if so, whether any indications are available that this has resulted in the reduction of aid programme; and

(c) if so, the nature of curtailment made?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a)

The Government of India have no reason to believe that there has been any change in the attitude of the Government of U.S.A. towards the aid problems of the under-developed countries since the Neutral Nations Conference at Belgrade.

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

Shri Shree Narayan Das: Is it a fact that a speech delivered at the Conference led to some important statements being made by some persons in authority about the giving of the aid?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: I have already stated that there is no change in the attitude of the Government of U.S.A. in this respect.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that the United States has amended their Aid Bill which stipulates a political test for neutral nations for getting financial aid from the United States—'political test' means the sharing of U.S. views on world crisis? Are Government aware of it?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: Government is aware of a formal amendment moved to the Foreign Aid Appropriation Bill at the instance of Senator Keating which reads as follows:

"It is the sense of the Congress that in the administration of these funds great attention and consideration should be given to those nations which share the view of the United States in the world crisis".

Subsequently in his Press Conference, President Kennedy has said:

"We are not attempting to use our aid in order to secure agreement by these countries with all of our policies".

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is not a fact that as a result of this particular amendment Yugoslavia, as an under-developed country, was the first to suffer so far as U.S. financial aid is concerned? And,

if so, whether it is a fact that the Yugoslav President came immediately to Cairo to meet Mr. Nehru and Mr. Nasser in order to discuss this aspect of the problem?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: I really do not know what happened in Yugoslavia. If the hon. Member asks questions about India, I will answer.

Shri Hem Barua: Our Prime Minister was involved there and it transpires....

Mr. Speaker: I am afraid the hon. Member is trying to involve the Prime Minister.

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: And Yugoslavia.

Shri Goray: May I know whether any light was shed on this particular point when our Prime Minister met the President of the United States recently?

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know whether they had any discussion on this matter.

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: I have clearly stated that there is no change in the U.S. policy as far as aid is concerned, and I have also given a clarification given by the President.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that the United States Administration has divided neutrals into two categories—positive neutrals and negative neutrals.....

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. We are not much concerned with that. The hon. Member thinks he is a member of the Congress of the United States of America, and for the time being he forgets that he is in India. If there is any change in the attitude so far as India is concerned, he may put a question on that instead of going on asking about other countries. We are not responsible for their policies or their mutual adjustments.

Shri Hem Barua: I am coming to that.

Mr. Speaker: No, no; I am not going to allow. Next Question.

Industrial Survey of Jammu and Kashmir

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*496. { **Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:**
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri Balraj Madhok:
Shri Inder J. Malhotra:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an industrial survey of Jammu and Kashmir has recently been conducted by the Government of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether a report of the survey will be placed on the Table?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 25]. Copies of the report also are being made available in the Library of the Parliament.

(c) Yes, Sir

Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: The report of the survey team points out that there is wastage in the matter of coal deposits in Jammu and Kashmir. In order to remove this defect it has been suggested that the coal mines there should be brought under the control of the Union Coal Development Corporation. May I know what is being done to implement that suggestion?

Shri Satish Chandra: It is true that the report points out that the coal mines and also the lignite mines in Kashmir should be developed, and that they have not been properly exploited so far. The main difficulty is that of technical personnel and also of transporting the modern equipments to the site. Steps have to be taken in future to improve the working of these coal mines.

Shri Vajpayee: May I know if the attention of the Government has been