

Bangalore. There is also a proposal to open an institution at Bombay; but it has not come into fruition yet.

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*२६३. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या लाय तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय कृषि गवेषणा परिषद् ने राज्य सरकारों को यह सुझाव दिया है कि कृषि कालेजों के विद्यार्थियों को कृषि सम्बन्धी प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त करने के लिये छट्टियों के दिनों में एक सप्ताह के लिये प्रगतिशील कृषकों के साथ रहना चाहिये, और

(ख) यदि हां तो किन-किन राज्यों में कृषि कालेजों के विद्यार्थी इस काम के लिये भेजे गये हैं, तथा उसके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं ?

सहकार मंत्री (डा० पं० शा० देशमुख) :

(क) जी हां ।

(ख) मद्रास सरकार ने इस योजना की जांच तज्ज्ञों के तीर पर की थी । क्योंकि यह योजना कामयाब साबित हुई, राज्य सरकार ने इसे जारी रखने का निर्णय कर लिया है ।

आई० सी० ए० आर० (I.C.A.R.) ने अब इसे अन्य राज्य सरकारों के नोटिस में लाया है । इस सुझाव पर उनकी प्रतिक्रिया का इंतजार किया जा रहा है ।

Shri B. S. Murthy: We would like to have the answer in English as well.

Mr. Speaker: He may read the English version as well.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: (a) Yes.

(b) The scheme was tried by the Madras Government as an experimental measure. As the scheme proved a success, the State Government have decided to continue it.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has now brought this to the notice of the other State Governments. Their reaction to the suggestion is awaited.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार ने ऐसा भी कोई आदेश दिया है कि जब विद्यार्थी प्रगतिशील किसानों के पास कृषि सम्बन्धी प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त करने के लिये जायें तो उनके साथ साथ प्रोफेसर्स भी जायें ताकि विद्यार्थियों और कृषकों की जो कठिनाइयाँ और समस्याएँ हैं उन्हें तीनों मिलकर हल करें ?

डा० पं० शा० देशमुख : विद्यार्थियों के साथ अगर प्रोफेसर जाना चाहें तो जा सकते हैं । वहाँ का उनको एक्सीजीरिएंस है और मद्रास में इस काम में उनको कामयाबी हासिल हुई है और इसमें कोई दिक्कत किसी तरह की पेश नहीं आई बल्कि जहाँ भी वे गये हैं, लोग उनको चाहते हैं और विद्यार्थियों के लिये अच्छा अनुभव रहा है ।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मेरे प्रश्न का माननीय मंत्री ने ठीक से उत्तर नहीं दिया । मैंने कहा था कि अगर विद्यार्थियों के साथ उनके प्रोफेसर भी कृषकों के पास जायेंगे तो इस तरह तीनों के एक स्थान पर मिलने से जो कुछ उनकी कठिनाइयाँ व समस्याएँ होंगी, वे हल हो सकेंगी और शंका समाधान हो सकेगा ।

लाय तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री ब० प्र० जैन) : विद्यार्थियों की संख्या काफी होगी और प्रोफेसर्स तो थोड़े से होंगे, फिर प्रोफेसर्स की छट्टी का सवाल है, वे भेजे जा सकते हैं या नहीं भेजे जा सकते हैं । वह तो उस वक्त के हालात पर मुहहसिर होगा और कुछ कहा नहीं जा सकता लेकिन अगर प्रोफेसर भी साथ में जायें और देखें भाव तो अच्छा ही होगा ।

Shri Ranga: May we have a few more details in regard to the number of years during which these people are going to be on the farms? After what period are they expected to submit a report? Is any notice taken of their experience while they continue their study in the colleges?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The whole thing is not so complicated as hon. Members are thinking it to be. This was a simple suggestion I made to the Ministers of Agriculture in States, that opportunities may be given to students to go to villages and stay there and see the practical things done by the farmers. This is working very well. They come into contact with the practical farmer and derive certain benefit. It has been tried only since 1955. There are no rules about it. It has to be decided by the students or one or two professors who will accompany them to the village which will act as the 'host village'. It is done mutually between the village and the college, and since the experience has been good it is likely that the States may take it up.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: May I know what are considered to be the progressive farms, what kind of equipment they have and what is it that the students are going to learn there?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I do not think this is a matter which I should define. I think everybody knows that a progressive farmer is one who utilises the new methods of agriculture and derives the largest possible crop and tills his fields well.

Shri Thirumal Rao: Will the hon. Minister kindly enlighten the House as regards the experience of his Department, whether these students stayed with the practical farmers with any avidity or they evaded it?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Nowadays there is a tendency for young people to take to farming even after their education.

Shri V. P. Nayar: The hon. Minister stated in his reply that the scheme has been tried with success in Madras. I want to know how a progressive farmer has been distinguished from a reactionary farmer.

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 Shri Sadhan Gupta:
 Shri A. C. Guha:
 Shri H. C. Mathur:

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

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to allegations regarding financial and other irregularities in the Damodar Valley Corporation published along with photostatic copies of ledger entries and cheques etc. in 'Yugantar' a Bengali daily of Calcutta in March and April;

(b) whether any investigation has been made into the allegations; and

(c) if so, with what result?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government have looked into the allegations.

(c) On the facts before them, the Government feel that the allegations are lacking in substance.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Has the Minister's attention been drawn to the fact that a certain overdrawn amount was reimbursed by cheque only after the irregularity was reported in the Press, and also to allegations made in the same Calcutta daily and elsewhere that unusable boats were purchased from Patiala in the teeth of opposition from the Financial Adviser, and that tenders were not invited and the usual procedure was disregarded?

Shri S. K. Patil: Our attention has been drawn to all these allegations and we have looked into them. I won't detail them here, it will take a