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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Tuesday, 17th March, 1953.

The House met at Two of the Clock.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

TUBE-WELL EXPERIMENTS IN U.P.

*800. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the experience gained from tube-well experiments in U.P. will be made available to other states for their knowledge and benefit; and

(b) whether the Central Government are taking any steps regarding the possibility of making arrangements for the mutual exchange and circulation among the public of informatory pamphlets based on the experience gained through these and other useful experiments?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). Yes.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: May I know what is the number of wells sunk in Uttar Pradesh in the different villages and what is the expenditure?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It would be difficult to give expenditure as well as the number but I can safely say that Uttar Pradesh has the largest number of tube-wells as compared with any other state.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: May I know if the expenditure incurred in sinking these wells is commensurate with the profit likely to be derived from it and whether any tube-wells have not given results?

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Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: So far as tube-wells are concerned, we have to grope in the dark to a considerable extent and we cannot be sure in every case. It is an under-ground matter, and we are not always certain of the amount of water that will come; sometimes we get sufficient water from within and sometimes not.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It is not a question of discussion and opinion here.

Shri Aitkar: May I know whether Government have made a geological survey of areas where the tube-wells can be successfully sunk?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The intention is to explore possibilities. We propose to dig 520 tube-wells very soon.

Shri G. S. Singh: May I know what percentage of these tube-wells have been sunk that produce water.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh. Every one of the tube-wells is intended to produce water excepting some in the Punjab, where we want to drain the water away.

Shri Jaipal Singh: What are the under-ground reasons for Uttar Pradesh having the largest number of tube-wells?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): It is farsight.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know whether the drawing of water from underneath the ground is likely to dry up the inner surface?

Shri Kidwai: Not very much.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: That may be the result in some cases, but ordinarily we take precautions before digging the tube-wells.

Shri Gopala Rao: May I know whether it is proved by experience that it is a paying proposition for an individual cultivator to have a tube-well?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It depends in what part of the country he resides. There are certain parts which are very suitable and others are not. In Uttar Pradesh, I may say, there are many cultivators who have their own tube-wells.

बाबू राम नारायण सिंह: उत्तर प्रदेश के अलावा किन किन राज्यों में ट्यूब वेल इस साल लगाये गये हैं और कितने ?

डा० पी० एस देशमुख : मेम्बर साहब के सूबे में भी लगाये गये हैं और कुछ और लगने वाले हैं।

बाबू रामनारायण सिंह : कितने लगाये गये हैं ?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have not got the information.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know how many tube-wells have subsequently been choked up.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have not got the figures but there are probably some instances in which this has happened.

Shri Dhulekar: The answer to part (a) of the question being in the affirmative, may I know whether any information has been collected in a book form about them?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Not in a book form; it is available in the files.

Shri K. G. Deshmukh: May I know whether experiments to dig tube-wells in the scarcity area of Madhya Pradesh were made and if so, to what extent was it successful?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It has not yet started. It is proposed to be made.

Shri Raghavaiah: May I know whether the experience gained by the employment of Paniwala Maharaj is not cheaper and more useful than the experiments made in U.P.?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It does not arise out of the question.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Arising out of the answers given to both parts of the question, may I know what is the method adopted for disseminating information to different states regarding experiments made in the sinking of tube-wells?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Every state especially in North India knows a great deal about the tube-wells and the possibilities of digging in various parts. I do not think that it is necessary for us to give them any more information.

Shri Kidwai: I think there is sufficient literature.

SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS AND CASH CERTIFICATES (VERIFICATION)

*803. **Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that negotiations between the Governments of India and Pakistan on the question of verification of Savings Bank Accounts and Cash Certificates claims have recently broken down;

(b) if so, what further steps Government of India propose to take in order to enable the displaced claimants to receive their deposits back earlier;

(c) what is the total estimated claim that Pakistan owes to displaced persons in India, and what is the estimated counter claim that Pakistan may make on India on this account; and

(d) whether the Government of India propose to give some interim relief to the displaced claimants in India and if so, how?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The total amount of claims registered according to the Agreement in respect of Post Office Savings Bank Accounts and Certificates and pending transfer from Pakistan to India is about Rs. 300 lakhs. Similar figures in respect of claims pending transfer from India to Pakistan are not available as the claims have been registered in Pakistan.

(d) The Government of India have already introduced a scheme for grant of 'Interim Relief' to the claimants of Post Office Savings Bank Accounts and Certificates awaiting final transfer under the Agreement from Pakistan to India, who have no other source of livelihood. The scheme provides for payments at the rate of Rs. 75/- to Rs. 100/- per month for six months or half the total amount in six monthly instalments whichever is less. The Government of India have started making payments under this scheme.

Shri A. N. Vidyalkar: Are the negotiations with Pakistan still going on?