

**U.S. Loan for purchase of Manure**

**1539. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the letters published in 'Blitz' in its issue of the 8th January, 1966, which are reported to have been extracts from the text of the letters exchanged between Dr. John P. Lewis, Minister-Director of United States Agency for International Development and Mr. S. Bhoothalingam, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, in connection with American Loan of 50 Million dollars to India for the purchase of manure;

(b) whether such an exchange of letters between Mr. S. Bhoothalingam and Dr. John P. Lewis has taken place; and

(c) if so, whether views expressed in Mr. S. Bhoothalingam's letter to Dr. John P. Lewis reflect the views of Government?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Copies of corespondence exchanged between the US Agency for International Development and the Government of India (Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs) relating to this matter are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5680/66].

(c) Yes, Sir.

**Irrigation schemes for Kerala**

**1540. Shri P. Kunhan:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the main irrigation schemes to be included in the Fourth Five Year Plan of the State of Kerala;

(b) whether the Government of Kerala have made any representation to the Central Government regarding the construction of the Kakkadavu Dam in the Nileshwar Revenue Firka of Cannanore District, Kerala State;

(c) if so, whether the scheme has been sanctioned; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to implement it?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed):** (a) The Fourth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised. The Government of Kerala have not proposed any new irrigation schemes for inclusion in the Fourth Plan in their preliminary Memorandum.

(b) No.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**Nation-Building Activities**

**1541. Shri Sivamurthi Swamy:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Voters' Council (Mysore Branch) has passed a Resolution that Central Government should spend at least 51 per cent for nation building activities unlike 19 per cent at present;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to increase the expenditure from 19 per cent to 51 per cent for nation-building activities; and

(c) the percentage spent on Agriculture and irrigation from the Central Budget?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri):** (a) Yes, Sir. However, while it is true that taking only revenue account, expenditure on nation building activities formed about 19 per cent of the total expenditure of the Centre during 1965-66, this provides a partial picture. Taking total expenditure on developmental heads on both revenue and capital accounts, this works out to about one half of the total expenditure of the Central Government on revenue and capital accounts taken together for the same year.

(b) It is the constant endeavour of the Government to increase progres-