

plantation scheme and this has been highly successful. Beyond this, at present there is a scheme to utilise forest and waste lands in Orissa, Mysore and Goa for cashew plantations.

Mr. SPEAKER : The questions and replies are in consultation, I think.

Stress on Irrigation after Mid-Term Appraisal of Fourth Plan

*821. SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the reorientation of the Fourth Plan after the mid-term appraisal is expected to lay a much greater stress on irrigation ; and

(b) if so, whether any physical target in this respect has been indicated to the Planning Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) : (a) Until the work on the mid-term appraisal of the Fourth Five Year Plan, which have been taken in hand, is complete, it will not be possible to say anything in this matter at this stage.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA : May I know whether there is any idea to give it a major priority in the new scheme of orientation ?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA : While having the reappraisal of the Fourth Plan emphasis shall be on such schemes which are production-oriented and also job-oriented, Minor and medium irrigation schemes being production-oriented and job-oriented, naturally, there would be a lot of emphasis on them while the reappraisal of the Plan is being undertaken.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA : May I know whether the fact of regional imbalance in this respect would also be kept in mind ?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA : The fact of regional imbalance is always kept in mind

but the House is aware that it is ultimately the State Plans and it is for the State Governments to decide the priorities. However, it shall be the endeavour of the Planning Commission to bring to the notice of the State Governments these imbalances and to rectify them.

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : We are hearing of this reappraisal of Fourth Plan for a long time. We would like to know by what date they are going to complete the reappraisal of the draft Fourth Plan and whether they are going to seek some more allotment so far as medium and minor irrigation projects are concerned.

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA : We have already started the work of reappraisal. The Planning Commission has been consulting the various experts, technologists, scientists, political experts and whosoever is concerned with planning. Similarly, we shall be consulting the Chief Minister and the respective ministers of the State Governments. This process will naturally require some time. But I can say that within the three months to come this work of reappraisal should be complete.

So far as the second part of the question is concerned, it cannot be said at this stage what would be the allocations. But, naturally, having regard to the massive challenges we are facing today, we shall have to find out how we can re-mobilise our resources and how we can meet the challenges.

MR. SPEAKER : You don't want any bonus allowance ?

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : मंत्री महोदय ने बताया है कि चौथी पंच-वर्षीय योजना के मध्यावधि मूल्यांकन का काम अभी पूरा नहीं हुआ है। केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा सब राज्यों में कुछ जिले पिछड़े हुए माने गए हैं। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या उन जिलों के विकास के लिए चौथी पंच-वर्षीय योजना में छोटी सिंचाई योजनाएँ और अन्य विशेष कार्यक्रम बनाये गये हैं ; यदि हाँ, तो कौन से।

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA : I have brought to the notice of the House that all

allocations are made according to the guidelines laid down by the National Development Council which consists of Chief Ministers and, in that formula, care has been taken of the backward areas and to see how these regional imbalances are brought to an end.

श्री नवल किशोर सिंह : इस बात को ध्यान में रखने हुये कि भारत में कृषि-योग्य भूमि के केवल 25 प्रतिशत भाग को सिंचाई मिलती है और चौथी पंच-वर्षीय योजना के अन्त तक 33 प्रतिशत भूमि को सिंचाई देने की सिंचाई मंत्रालय की योजना है, क्या सरकार इस बात का खयाल रखेगी कि मेजर, मीडियम और माइनर इरिगेशन प्राजेक्ट्स के लिये, जो तीनों जाब-ओरियेंटेड योजनायें हैं, पर्याप्त धन की व्यवस्था की जाये, ताकि भूमि की सिंचाई के प्रतिशत में वृद्धि हो और साथ ही लोगों को काम मिल सके ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह सवाल प्लान के री-एप्रैजल के बारे में है, न कि डिटेल्ज के बारे में।

श्री नवल किशोर सिंह : यह प्रश्न इरिगेशन के सम्बन्ध में प्लान के री-एप्रैजल के बारे में है। इसी लिए मैंने इरिगेशन के बारे में प्रश्न पूछा है।

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA : It shall be our endeavour to see that job-oriented schemes are given priority.

SHRI M. SATYANARAYAN RAO : I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether in view of the experience that major irrigation projects have not solved our problems, the Government is taking any measures to concentrate on minor irrigation schemes.

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA : The country needs major and minor and also medium type of schemes. It all depends on the local conditions. But it is true that in order to achieve better productivity without any gestation period, minor irrigation should be given more emphasis.

Textile Mills taken over by State and Central Government Agencies

*827. **SHRI S. R. DAMANI :** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cotton textile mills taken over by the State and Central Government agencies during the last one year, how many of them are working at present and their working results ;

(b) the number of mills under examination and by what time they will be reopened; and

(c) the steps taken to stop further closure of mills ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) to (c). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) During the last one year, the management of eight cotton Textile Mills has been taken over by the Government under Section 18A of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act. The respective State Textile Corporation has been appointed as Authorised Controller in respect of six mills, while the National Textile Corporation has been appointed as Authorised Controller of two mills. Out of these eight mills, five mills are working.

(b) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the closed mills. The affairs of six such mills are being investigated and Investigation Committees reports in respect of 8 mills are under examination. It is very difficult to state as to when these mills will re-start working.

(c) A working group under the Chairmanship of Managing Director, National Textile Corporation is examining the question of modernisation of sick cotton textile mills.

SHRI S. R. DAMANI : According to the statement, eight mills have been taken out of which five mills have started working. Three mills have not started working. May I know from the hon. Minister the names of these three mills which not started