

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : इस किस्म की कोई कम्पलेंट मेरे पास नहीं आई, लेकिन जिस वक्त प्लेट्स का पर्जेशन दिया जा रहा था, वहाँ की यूनियन की तरफ से पूरा सर्वे किया गया था और उन की सैटिस्फैक्शन के मुताबिक उस को कर दिया गया था।

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI: There is a time lag between the time the work is actually allotted and the time the tenders are called. This results in price escalation. May I know from the hon. Minister what has been the escalation in the cost of construction of these flats from 1972 upto this time?

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT: Escalation of cost of construction is not involved in this Question.

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI: The question is whether Government have taken a decision to reduce the price of DDA flats. These flats were originally allotted to the allottees at a particular price. With the escalation of the prices of raw materials and other overheads, the prices went up. I was asking the Minister as to what has been the escalation in the cost of construction.

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT: That is a different question. I require notice for that.

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI: No increase in prices?

MR. SPEAKER: He says that he requires notice since this Question does not cover that.

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI: You have to decide that, Sir....

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT: The question does not arise in the case of these flats.

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI: Do you agree with this, Sir?

MR. SPEAKER: He requires notice.

Next Question.

बाढ़ के कारण फसलों की क्षति

* 4. श्री ज्ञानेश्वर प्रसाद यादव :
श्री के० लक्ष्मणा :

क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने को कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) देश में हाल की बाढ़ के दौरान फसलों को हुई क्षति में कितनी हानि हुई ; और

(ख) इन बाढ़ों से प्रभावित किसानों को राहत देने के लिए सरकार क्या उपाय कर रही है ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) According to the information received from the State Governments: crops in an area of 61.65 lakhs hec. valued at Rs. 22,582.04 lakhs were damaged by the recent floods in the country.

(b) Consequent upon the acceptance by the Government of India of the recommendations of the Sixth Finance Commission, Central assistance of a non-Plan nature for relief operations is generally not available to the State Governments. Such expenditure is expected to be met by the State Governments from their own resources and the enhanced margin money provided to them. However, advance Plan assistance is made available to the States to supplement their own resources for implementing Plan schemes in the affected areas.

The Government of India has already sanctioned Rs. 4.98 crores to Assam and Rs. 4.41 crores to West Bengal as advance Plan assistance. It has also been agreed to provide Rs. 10.43 crores to Gujarat, Rs. 11.00 crores to Haryana and Rs. 7.97 crores to Rajasthan as advance Plan assistance. It is also being considered to provide advance Plan assistance to Himachal Pradesh, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh. In addition, the Food Corporation of India has been directed to make available 20,000 tonnes of wheat to West Bengal and 10,000 tonnes of wheat to Assam for distribution as gratuitous relief. The quantum of additional supply of wheat to West Bengal is being considered as and when request is received from the State Government. The Government of India is also considering to supply 10,000 tonnes of wheat each to Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan and 5,000 tonnes to Himachal Pradesh for distribution as gratuitous relief. The Army and Air Force assistance was also provided to the States for relief and rescue operations as and when requested for by the State Governments. Necessary assistance was also provided to arrange adequate supply of food, and medicines etc. to the affected areas.

श्री ज्ञानेश्वर प्रसाद यादव : जैसा कि मंत्री महोदय ने स्वीकार किया है—61.65 लाख हेक्टेयर जमीन में बोई गई फसल बाढ़ से बरबाद हुई है और प्रति वर्ष इस देश में लाखों एकड़ जमीन में लगी हुई फसल बरबाद हुआ करती है, इस बात को दृष्टि में रखते हुए, क्या मंत्री महोदय बिहार में, खास कर उत्तर बिहार में, जहाँ प्रति वर्ष बाढ़ आया करती है और लाखों एकड़ जमीन की फसल बरबाद होती है, इस बाढ़ से बचाने के लिये कोई विशेष योजना लागू करने के लिये तैयार है, या नहीं

श्री भानु प्रताप सिंह : बाढ़ से बचाने की योजना को बनाने के लिये फ्लड कंट्रोल बोर्ड है, जो केवल बिहार के लिये नहीं, तमाम राज्यों के लिये है। जैसी आवश्यकता होती है,

उसी के अनुसार वे योजनाएँ बनाते हैं। बिहार को भी उसमें उचित स्थान मिलेगा और बिहार की आवश्यकताओं की तरफ भी ध्यान दिया जायगा।

श्री ज्ञानेश्वर प्रसाद यादव : फसलों की क्षति के सम्बन्ध में राज्य वार जो व्यौरा दिया गया है, उसमें लिखा है कि असम को 4.98 करोड़ और पश्चिम बंगाल को 4.41 करोड़ रुपया दिया जा चुका है। लेकिन बिहार में जहाँ बाढ़ से ज्यादा तबाही हुई है, वहाँ किसी प्रकार का कोई अनुदान नहीं दिया गया है। क्या बिहार सरकार ने बिहार में जो क्षति हुई है, उसके सम्बन्ध में केन्द्र के पास कोई सूचना नहीं भेजी थी, इसीलिये बिहार को कोई सहायता नहीं दी गई ?

श्री भानु प्रताप सिंह : बिहार राज्य से कोई मांग नहीं आई र।

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: I am not satisfied with the answer given. In the statement made by the Minister he has stated that consequent upon acceptance by the Government of India on the recommendations of the Fifth Finance Commission, central assistance of a non-Plan nature for flood relief is generally not available to State Governments. But there is recurrence of this flood situation every year in this country and there will be a colossal waste of property and damage to crops resulting in loss of crores of rupees. I would therefore like to know whether the Janata Government is contemplating any national policy or some other concrete programme to prevent damage to crops due to floods in this country.

Secondly, has any assistance been sought for from the World Bank and if so, what is the strategy they are going to adopt to fight the recurrence of the flood situation in this country? (Interuptions).

SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH: The question of providing protection from floods is always under the con-

consideration of Government, but there can be no such scheme within the financial resources at our disposal which will prevent all damages for all times to come due to floods. We are taking all possible measures that we can take within the limitations of our resources.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: He has not answered whether any World Bank assistance has been sought for fighting damages due to floods in this country.

SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH: No assistance from the World Bank is being sought.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: He is making a contradictory statement. World Bank assistance has been sought to fight flood damages in Bihar. (*Interruption*). The Bihar Government, with the assistance of the Centre, has sought financial aid from the World Bank this has been reported in the *Hindustan Times* dated 10th October 1976. Are you aware of this fact that the Bihar Government has sought assistance from the World Bank?

SHRI BHANU RATAP SINGH: This question may have been considered in the past, but just now we are not seeking any aid from the World Bank. (*Interruption*).

श्री उपसेन : अभी माननीय मंत्री जी ने एक प्रश्न के उत्तर में कहा है कि बाढ़ों को समाप्त करने के लिए फ्लड्स कंट्रोल बोर्ड, बाढ़ नियंत्रण बोर्ड बना है। मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से एक निश्चित सवाल करना चाहता हूँ कि यह जो फ्लड कंट्रोल बोर्ड बना है क्या उसकी योजना में जो कि बाढ़ों को समाप्त करने के लिए बनायी गयी है उत्तरप्रदेश की राप्ती पर भालूबांग, घाघरा पर करनाली और शारदा पर पंचेश्वर योजनाओं को भी सम्मिलित किया गया है जिससे उन क्षेत्रों में हमेशा के

लिए बाढ़ों की समस्या खत्म हो जाए और वहाँ के 5 करोड़ लोगों को इससे राहत मिले ? इसका स्पष्ट उत्तर मंत्री जी दें।

श्री भानु प्रताप सिंह : मैं विभिन्न राज्यों की एक एक योजना के बारे में उत्तर नहीं दे सकता।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS
Visit of Education Minister to USSR

*5. **SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he visited USSR recently; and

(b) if so, the nature of talks held and conclusion drawn?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During my stay in USSR from 13th to 16th September, 1977, I met H.E. Mr. A. Kosygin, Prime Minister of USSR and discussed with him matters pertaining to cooperation between India and USSR with particular reference to fields of education and culture. I also had fruitful discussions with H.E. Mr. P. Demichev, Minister of Culture and H.E. Prof. V. P. Yelutin, Minister of Higher and Secondary Specialised Education, USSR on subjects of mutual interest. With Mr. Demichev I discussed the development of the arts and crafts, specially theatre. With H.E. Prof. Yelutin, the important question of joint text books on scientific and technological subjects was discussed.

I also inaugurated the Festival of Indian Art and Culture in Moscow on 15th September, 1977.