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LOK SABHA

List No. 1.

MOTION BY SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU REGARDING THIRD FIVE YEAR PLAN

Notice of Substitute Motions

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SHRI C. R. NARASIMHAN:—

1. That for the original motion, the following be substituted, namely:—

"This House, having considered the Third Five Year Plan, laid on the Table of the House on the 7th August, 1961, places on record its general approval and acceptance of the objectives, priorities and programmes embodied in the Plan and calls upon the States, Union Territories and the people of India to adopt it as the Nation's Plan and to carry it out with determination and achieve its targets."

SHRI N. G. RANGA
SHRI M. R. MASANI
SHRI J. M. MOHAMED IMAM
SHRI M. S. SUGANDHI
SHRI RAM GARIB
SHRI S. A. MATIN
SHRI MOTISINH BAHADURSINH THAKORE

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2. That for the original motion, the following be substituted, namely:—

"This House, having considered the Third Five Year Plan, laid on the Table of the House on the 7th August, 1961, disapproves of it because—

- (a) it is unrealistic and improvident;
- (b) the threat of additional taxation, the continued resort to deficit finance and the uncovered gap between resources and outlay will lead to higher prices and the aggravation of the prevailing inflation and a continuing erosion of the already low real income of the mass of the people resulting in a disincentive to save and invest and a high-cost economy which will make it impossible for Indian exports to compete in the world's markets;
- (c) while the desirability of encouraging equity capital coming from abroad at its own risk is neglected, there is too much dependence on foreign loans leading to the country's future being mortgaged;
- (d) the undue emphasis on heavy industry resulting from a dangerous obsession with achieving autarchy within ten years and the comparative neglect of agriculture and consumers' goods industries will inflict privation and misery on the mass of the people and diminish the possibilities of providing maximum employment;
- (e) the doctrinaire bias in favour of the State sector of the economy and the drawing away to it of the people's savings tilts the scales against the development of the people's competitive enterprise and the economy of self-employed people in favour of a plethora of controls and quotas and curbs and of State monopolies and private monopolies distributed among those favoured, thus placing the national economy in a strait jacket and retarding the growth of the national product and income;
- (f) the insistence on fostering collective farming under the name of joint co-operative farming to the neglect of family farming will retard agricultural production and, if persisted in, result in food shortage and famine conditions and reduce the peasants to servitude;

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- (g) no adequate effort is disclosed in the Plan to dispel existing regional disparities and to foster the progress of underdeveloped areas;
- (h) the provision of huge sums of public money for distribution by the Union to the States and by the States to local organisations will, in the absence of a non-partisan approach and suitable checks, lead to political influence being brought to bear on the administrative apparatus with consequent waste and corruption; and
- (i) the Plan is against the interests of the Indian people since it would reduce the living standards of the present generation, concentrate political and economic power in a few hands resulting in the proliferation of bureaucracy, over-centralisation, the attenuation of States rights, the truncating of the workers' right to organise for collective bargaining and to go on strike, and the ultimate erosion of parliamentary democracy and the fundamental rights of the citizen embodied in our Constitution."

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:—

3. That for the original motion, the following be substituted, namely:—

"This House, having considered the Third Five Year Plan, laid on the Table of the House on the 7th August, 1961, regrets that the Plan seeks to lay the main burden of economic development on the shoulders of the lower-income groups, both urban and rural, in the form of heavy indirect taxes, inflation, high cost of living, reduction in real wages, increased unemployment, etc., while permitting big monopoly interests, both domestic and foreign, to appropriate an unduly high share of the increased wealth proposed to be created under the Plan."

4. That for the original motion, the following be substituted, namely:—

"This House, having considered the Third Five Year Plan, laid on the Table of the House on the 7th August, 1961, recommends that the Chapter on Development of Foreign Trade and, in particular, the Export objectives laid down therein, be left open for reappraisal pending the entry of Britain into the European Common Market and assessment of the consequences thereof."

NEW DELHI;

August 19, 1961

Shravana 28, 1883 (Saka)

M. N. KAUL,

Secretary.