

श्री राम नारायण साहू: सर, ऐसा होता है कि जो काम करने वाले हैं और जो काम लेने वाले हैं, उनका आपस में तालमेल होता है। वे लोग उनसे कहते हैं कि "लगे रहो मुन्ना भाई।" इस प्रकार 365 दिन वहां काम चलता रहता है, सालों से चलता रहता है लेकिन आज तक कम्पलीट नहीं हुआ! आप इस संबंध में सर्वे करवा सकते हैं।

श्री सभापति: आप मंत्री जी से सवाल पूछ लें।

श्री राम नारायण साहू: आपके माध्यम से मेरा उनसे यही सवाल है।

श्री अम्बिका सोनी: सर, मैं, एक मिनट में जनरल तौर पर जवाब देने का प्रयास करती हूँ। यह बात सच है कि बहुत ज्यादा इमारतें, मकबरे और मॉन्यूमेंट्स हैं, बदकिस्मती से जिनका हिसाब आज तक इस देश में नहीं है। हम लोगों ने पिछले साल एक National Mission on Antiquities and Monuments गठित किया है। हमें उम्मीद है कि अगले पांच साल, जो इस मिशन के कार्यकाल का समय है, उसे समय में हम स्टेटवाइज़ यह प्रयास करेंगे कि जो हमारी antiquities and monuments हैं, उनका हम डेटा बैंक तैयार कर सकें। एक छोटी कमेटी मैंने और गठित की है। सदियों से ऐसे मॉन्यूमेंट्स, 30-35 जितने भी कहा जाता है, जो development process में गायब हो गए हैं, उनके संबंध में वह कमेटी एक विशेष जांच करेगी कि कहां गायब हुए, क्यों गायब हुए, आगे ऐसे न हो, उनकी impact study कैसे की जाए।

इस मिशन ने पिछले अक्टूबर से काम करना शुरू किया है और मुझे उम्मीद है कि हम हर स्टेट में डाटा बैंक तैयार कर सकेंगे। यदि माननीय सदस्य किसी एक खास बिल्डिंग की बात बताना चाहते हैं, तो वह मुझे बतायें। अगर वह बिल्डिंग हमारी देखरेख में नहीं भी होगी, तो भी हम State Archaeological Department से अनुरोध करेंगे कि वह उसकी देखरेख ठीक से करें। लेकिन जहां तक 365 दिन के काम की बात है, मैं कह नहीं रही हूँ हो सकता है कि कुछ बिल्डिंग इतनी ज्यादा ... (व्यवधान)...

श्री राम नारायण साहू: मैडम, 365 दिन काम होता है, लेकिन स्थिति वही बनी हुई है।

श्री सभापति: प्लीज, प्लीज। साहू जी, प्लीज। ... (व्यवधान)...

श्री अम्बिका सोनी: आप जिसका जिक्र कर रहे हैं, किसी एक बिल्डिंग का नाम मुझे बात दीजिए। मैं उसकी जांच करवा लूंगी। ... (व्यवधान)...

Welcome to Parliamentary Delegation from Slovakia

MR. CHAIRMAN: Honourable Members, I have an announcement to make. We have with us seated in the Special Box, Members of a Parliamentary Delegation from Slovakia, currently on a visit to our country under the distinguished leadership of His Excellency Mr. Pavol Paska, Speaker of the National Council of the Slovak Republic.

On behalf of the Members of the House and on my own behalf, I take pleasure in extending a hearty welcome to the leader and other Members of the delegation and wish our distinguished guests an enjoyable and fruitful stay in our country. We hope that during their stay here, they would be able to see and learn more about our Parliamentary system, our country and our people and that their visit to this country will further strengthen the friendly bonds that exist between India and Slovakia. Through them, we convey our greetings and best wishes to the Parliament and the friendly people of Slovakia.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, we go back to the supplementaries. Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan.

DR. (SHRIMATI) KAPILA VATSYAYAN: Sir, since the question and the reply has taken such gigantic proportions, far beyond the Humayun Tomb, with some hesitancy, I would like to make three points. Firstly, I would support Brindaji on what she has said on the Goa issue. Secondly, would the Minister like to comment on the fact—I would say, a fact—but, certainly the impression that there is extreme dearth of specialists in the whole field of archaeology and in the Archaeological Survey of India? Restoration is not a matter of one type of a technique for all monuments. What are the steps that the Government of India has taken now that there has been a regular depletion of the specialists in the ASI for (a) recruitment (b) to train them and (c) to see that there is a balance between the specialists and the general administrator?

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Sir, I would like to answer the hon. Member who spent so many years in this field. We have all learnt a lot from her and, with all humility, I would like to respond to her by saying that I will not dwell on her support to Brindaji now because that Question is over. We are all on the same side as far as women tourist safety is concerned. But, that apart, there is a great dearth of specialists either in the field of archaeology or in the field of museology or in the field of preservation of our archives. In fact, the cultural heritage of this country requires so many more people either for libraries or for the 41 institutions which we have. But, unfortunately, the Ministry of Culture and the State Departments of Culture also come under the rules of the Government which do not allow fresh recruitment except one in three in the normal course. Having said that, I would like to say that we have,—I do not know why this did not happen before—over the last four months, at the direction of the Prime Minister of India, changed the rules of recruitment of all people heading these organisations, to begin with eight, and, if you like, I could give you the names of eight—National Museum, National Library, National Archives, and there are eight institutions. We are changing the rules because the old system of recruiting of heads of these institutions did not attract the best talent in the country and, therefore, the recourse was to take to the administrative services which, he felt, do not have the flair or conceptualisation of what the posts require. I am confident that the rules having been changed and sent to the correct, appropriate authority, in another few months, before the half year is over, we should have new recruitment, through search and selection committees, in place, whereby, I hope, we can attract the best talent in the country and those who are from our country/outside.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question 163.

SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Sir, I am happy to note that 40 per cent. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question, please.

SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Sir, before I ask questions. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please listen to me. Hon. Members, there is a set procedure. When your name is called, just stand up; let the Minister answer and, then, you put your supplementaries.

SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Okay, Sir.