

RAJYA SABHA

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The House met at eleven of the clock,
Mr Chairman in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा रक्षा कवचों
(बुलेट-प्रूफ जैकेट) के आयात को अनुमति
का मांगा जाना

* 341. श्री शरद यादव : क्या
गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे
कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश
सरकार ने हान में विदेशों से रक्षा कवचों
(बुलेट-प्रूफ जैकेट) का आयात करने
की अनुमति मांगी है, और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो कितने रक्षा कवच
मगाने की अनुमति मांगी गयी है और
प्रत्येक रक्षा कवच के लिये कितनी
विदेशी मुद्रा अदा किये जाने की संभावना है ?

कार्मिक लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन
मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में
राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) :
(क) और (ख) सभी राज्यों और
सब शासित क्षेत्र प्रशासनों से अत्यन्त
खतरनाक इयूटियो पर तैनात उनके पुलिस
कार्मिकों के लिये बुलेट-प्रूफ जैकेटों की
न्यूनताम आवश्यकता को बताने के लिए
कहा गया था। अब तक प्राप्त मांगों
(उत्तर प्रदेश से प्राप्त मांग सहित)
के आधार पर बुलेट-प्रूफ जैकेटों का
आयात करने के लिए कार्यवाई की जा
रही है। उत्तर प्रदेश के लिए निर्धारित
जैकेटों की संख्या बताना जनहित में
नहीं होगा।

प्रत्येक जैकेट के लिए दी जाने
वाली विदेशी मुद्रा की राशि, जैकेटों
के आकार, किस्म और अन्य विशिष्टताओं
के अनुसार अलग-अलग होगी। अतः
इसमें लगने वाली विदेशी मुद्रा की
राशि, बताना, इस स्तर पर संभव
नहीं होगा।

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श्री शरद यादव : मान्यवर, सुरक्षा
के नाम पर, इस देश में जब से यह
नई सरकार आई है लगातार पैसा
जो है वह बढ़ता जा रहा है, सुरक्षा
का बजट बढ़ता जा रहा है। मान्यवर,
मैं मंत्री जी से पूछना चाहता हूँ कि
आजादी की लड़ाई के बाद जब देश
बंटा तब सबसे खतरे का काम महात्मा
गांधी जी ने नौआखाली जाकर किया
था और वे वहाँ बगैर रक्षा जैकेट
पहन कर गये थे... (व्यवधान)...
मान्यवर, मैं सवाल पर ही आ रहा हूँ,
सवाल ही पूछना चाहता हूँ।

MR CHAIRMAN: I know, you take a
little time to come to your question

श्री शरद यादव . मेरा मान्यवर,
मंत्री जी से पूछना है...

ठाकुर जगतपाल सिंह . क्वेश्चन
क्या है ये तो भाषण दे रहे हैं...
(व्यवधान)

श्री राम अवधेस सिंह : आपकी
समझ में बात नहीं आयेगी।

MR. CHAIRMAN After all, he is
praising Mahatma Gandhi. Why do you
object? Now, please come to your ques-
tion

श्री शरद यादव . मान्यवर, मंत्री जी
ने जो जवाब दिया है उस जवाब से
मेरे सवाल का कहीं से कोई उत्तर
नहीं निकला है। मैं मान्यवर, मंत्री जी
से पूछना चाहता हूँ कि यह कोई सीक्रेट
रखने की बात नहीं है। मैंने तो उत्तर
प्रदेश भर के लिये पूछा है लेकिन
आपने कहा पूरे देश भर से मांग है
कि सुरक्षा जैकेट कितनी चाहिए।
आतंकवाद के चलते जिन इलाकों में
अभी तक एक भी आदमी की मृत्यु
नहीं हुई है, जिन इलाकों में आतंकवाद
नहीं है और सुरक्षा की इतनी गड़बड़ी
नहीं है तो अकारण हिन्दुस्तान की जनता
पर यह नया बोझ जो लाद रहे है..

MR. CHAIRMAN: Two minutes over. (Time bell rings).

श्री शरद यादव : तो मैं मंत्री महोदय से पूछना चाहता हूँ कि इस पर जो पैसा है वह और जो आप बाकी जगह खर्च करना चाहते हैं, उत्तर प्रदेश में, जहाँ मैं सोचता हूँ कि कोई इस तरह का खतरा नहीं है, वहाँ आप पुलिस वालों को क्यों दे रहे हैं जब कि परम्परागत रूप से आपका कोई काम नहीं बिगड़ा है ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, that is your opinion. Now, Mr. Minister, have anything to say?

श्री बुटा सिंह : सर, आपने बिल्कुल सही कहा। इन्होंने अपनी राय दी है। मैं मान्यवर, सदस्य से कहना चाहता हूँ कि जहाँ जरूरी नहीं होगा हम नहीं भेजेंगे।

श्री शरद यादव : मान्यवर, मैं फिर यह पूछना चाहता हूँ कि तकरीबन दो सवा दो करोड़ लोगों का जीवन पंजाब में खतरे में है। सब आदमियों की जिंदगी बराबर है। आप मे से कोई ऊपर आएगा मारने से तो उस पर भी सजा 302 की होगी और साधारण आदमी को मारने पर भी यही होगा। तो क्या आप इस पर विचार करेंगे कि पूरे पंजाब की जनता की रक्षा जैकेट दे दें ?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Sir, it is again an opinion expressed by the hon. Member. (Interruptions).

SHRI K. MOHANAN: Sir, it is not an opinion. He has asked a specific question. (Interruptions).

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no, I will get the answer for you.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Sir, the Government is committed to protect the life and property of the people not only in Punjab—in Punjab it is a special task—but all over the country, we are committed to it

that we will protect the peoples' life and property. (Interruption).

SHRI K. MOHANAN: But you have failed.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, while I appreciate very much the ever vigilant efforts of the Government to give maximum security to our VVIPs by getting these bullet-proof jackets, may I know from the hon. Minister whether the Government will try to get bullet-proof pants also? If so, I would like to know whether the bullet-proof pants and the bullet-proof jackets which they are already going to purchase, will be covered by khadi cloth or polyester cloth.

SHRI K. MOHANAN: Bullet-proof helmets also.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, the hon. Member, with great respect to him, has not read the answer. These bullet-proof jackets are being got ready for police personnel deployed on high-risk duties and not for VVIPs.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: The U.P. Government has asked for VVIPs.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The thrust of the question is not whether you will provide bullet-proof jackets only but whether you will also provide bullet-proof pants.

SHRI K. MOHANAN: And helmets also.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I sincerely hope that hon. Members are not ridiculing the idea.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: I am not ridiculing I am very serious in my question.

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI: Sir, if I may interrupt, I appreciate very much the worries of the hon. Member and I will definitely ask the Home Ministry to get bullet-proof pants made for the hon. Member.

SHRI K. MOHANAN: It is not necessary for Mr. Gopalsamy. It is necessary for you.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: What will he do with pants, without a jacket?

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI: It may preserve his chastity

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO But who will take care of his head?

MR CHAIRMAN. Mr Bir Bhadra Pratap Singh

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Mr Chairman, Sir, the magnitude of the problem could not be minimised, and we must not look to Punjab only. A situation has arisen in the Tarai region which is a miniature Punjab Since partition up till now, Rai Sikhs have settled in the Tarai region and have taken it over. Now reports come that a lot of terrorists are hiding themselves in the Tarai region. I can assure you that even after Mrs. Gandhi's assassination, except in Kanpur, there was complete calm and quiet in UP and rehabilitation work was also done very well in Kanpur Therefore, under those circumstances, may I know from the hon. Minister—the situation is not so light, certain conditions are there . .

MR CHAIRMAN Question please.

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH We have to be vigilant Therefore, I would like to ask the hon Minister, will he take more precautions and keep more vigilance so that no fight between Sikhs and Hindus may take place in that region?

MR CHAIRMAN Yes, he will always be vigilant Mr Gurupadaswamy.

SHRI M S GURUPADASWAMY: I would like to know whether any rough assessment has been made in regard to the requirements for these bullet-proof jackets in the country as a whole and whether information has been secured by the Centre from various State Governments

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM We have, Sir

SHRI P BABUL REDDY: Sir, I certainly appreciate that the security of the

State should be given top priority, but there must be an attempt to give as much information as possible, steering clear of security. What is the security involved . .

MR CHAIRMAN No, no. .

SHRI P. BABUL REDDY: Please permit my question

MR CHAIRMAN: All right. Put the question now.

SHRI P BABUL REDDY: About the cost involved, the answer given is that it depends upon the size of the jacket, etc. If he cannot say about the average size, can he tell us the minimum and the maximum of the price? Is any security involved in the price? I am questioning that Whether it is one thousand rupees or ten thousand rupees, is the security of the State involved in that?

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have not read the question. Please read part (b) of the question, which says

"If so, what is the number of bullet-proof jackets for which permission has been sought and the amount of foreign exchange likely to be paid for each jacket?"

So the supplementary is not relevant.

SHRI P BABUL REDDY: Sir, you please read the answer

MR CHAIRMAN Please read the answer (*Interruptions*) Please read the answer

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Why can't the Minister give the answer?

MR CHAIRMAN I will read the answer The amount of foreign exchange likely to be paid for these jackets depends on various factors. The answer is relevant.

SHRI P. BABUL REDDY. You are there to protect us Kindly permit me to speak for half a minute

MR CHAIRMAN: Half a minute permitted.

SHRI P BABUL REDDY The answer is that the price of these jackets de-

pend upon their size. I am asking the average price.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are one of the responsible Members. I am very careful in reading the papers. Before I come, I read the questions and the answers. It is clearly stated that "the amount of Foreign Exchange likely to be paid for each jacket would vary according to its size, quality and other specifications. The question is about the amount of foreign exchange involved in this. The question has been put in that way."

SHRI P. BARUL REDDY. The answer is for each jacket.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No. No My decision is final.

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : सभापति महोदय, मंत्री महोदय ने बताया नहीं कि एप्रोक्सीमेट क्या खर्च होगा। उसको सरकार ने कर्क भाउठ किया होगा। क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि फारेन एक्सचेंज का एप्रोक्सीमेट खर्च इस पर क्या होने वाला है, क्या अन्दाजा है ?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: As I said, the amount of foreign exchange will depend upon the size, quality and other specifications. We have just called for tenders. We are examining the quotations. At this stage, it would not be possible for me to give the amount of foreign exchange that would be involved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Motiram Patel. If the Members repeat the question, I will go on to the next question.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL. Mr. Chairman, Sir, may I know from the hon Minister whether any inquiry has been made to find out if the bullet-proof jackets can be made in India?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM We have examined this question. The material required for making such jackets is not available in India.

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Sir, I would like to know whether suffi-

cient consideration has been given to the fact that good training may obviate the need for so many jackets. My suggestion is that considering the number involved, we should try to produce them in the country.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I agree with the suggestion. We shall certainly try to do it.

SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK:*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Irrelevant. Not relevant. The question is disallowed. Mr. Jagesh Desai. (Interruptions) When the Chair is on its legs, every Member must sit down. I have said that the question is disallowed. All these things are unnecessary. You did not hear me. What am I to do? That question has been disallowed by me. Mr. Jagesh Desai, That will not go on record. (Interruptions).

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Sir, what about the allegations made in his question? (Interruptions).

MR. CHAIRMAN: It will not go on record. Now, Mr. Jagesh Desai.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: All right

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Sir, the honourable Minister just now said that in public interest he would not disclose the number of jackets to be given to the States. Secondly, he also says that the size and other things are not known and so, they are not able to give the details of the amount of foreign exchange involved. My point is that once you give the amount of foreign exchange, whatever may be the figure, you can arrive at the number of jackets to be imported and, therefore, I would like to know whether, when you disclose the amount of foreign exchange involved and you do not disclose the number of jackets, it would be in public interest. Is it in public interest to disclose the amount of foreign exchange involved?

MR. CHAIRMAN: You need not support the Minister. Now, the next Question Question No 342 Mr. Ram Awadesh Singh.

*Not recorded, as ordered by the Chair.