

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir, generally you are grave during the Question Hour. I find that you are very happy and smiling all the time.

SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI: Has Mr. Bhupesh Gupta any chance or is he eligible, or has he got the necessary potential to get an air-hostess for himself?

DR. RAFIQ ZAKARIA: Why these old people are interested in air-hostesses I do not understand.

SHRI DEVENDRA NATH DWIVEDI: Look at this young man.

DR. RAFIQ ZAKARIA: While I can appreciate the affectionate concern of the Minister for the air-hostesses... *(Interruptions)* This is because he claims that what our Government did not do, he has come forward and done it. Whatever may be the reason, overt or covert, he best knows about it, but it is a good thing that he has done it.

SHRI BIPINPAL DAS: He has done it because our Minister is a handsome young man.

DR. RAFIQ ZAKARIA: These interruptions sometimes disturb our mental process, especially when it concerns air-hostesses. Sir, I would like to know from the Minister whether there is any ban as far as the family way is concerned, because after marriage, I understand, if an air-hostess is in the family way, then her service is terminated forthwith or after some period. Well, I can understand the reasons for it, but I would like to know from the Minister whether as a measure of family planning, where late marriage has been accepted as a measure of family planning, a bond could be taken from those air-hostesses to whom such a permission to get married is given that for the next three years or so they would not be in the family way.

SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI: How can the natural pro-

cess be stopped by Dr. Zakaria's question?

DR. RAFIQ ZAKARIA: The natural process is family planning. Late marriage is one of the features of our family planning programme.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let the Minister reply.

DR. RAFIQ ZAKARIA: He has not been sterilised. That is why he is talking.

SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI: Dr. Zakaria does not know what I am.

SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK: I hope, Sir, along with me all the hon. Members will be concerned with the growing population of the country and looking to that problem...

SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI: His problem is of bachelorism, nothing else.

SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK: If that prohibition is there, after getting the pregnancy, the air hostess will have to resign. I think none of the Members should have any grudge about that. Secondly...

SHRI HAREKRUSHNA MALLICK: Why?

DR. RAFIQ ZAKARIA: But what are they expected to do? You suddenly terminate their services. If you link up this part of our family planning programme, as you have said, the four years' bond...

SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK: That is there.

SHRI HAREKRUSHNA MALLICK: Sir, may I intervene?

MR. CHAIRMAN: No. The Minister is on his legs.

SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK: The recruitment age of air hostesses is 19 years. After serving the bond period, at the age of 23 or after that