

RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 21th January, 1976/the 1th
Magha, 1897 (Saka)

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

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

S. C./S.T. Persons as Directors of Nationalised Banks

*390. SHRI BHAIYA RAM MUNDA:
SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURA-
GOHAIN :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleas-
ed to state:

(a) whether Government have considered
the question of appointing some persons
from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled
Tribes as Directors in the Boards of Dire-
ctors of all the nationalised banks, the
State Bank of India and the Reserve Bank
of India; and

(b) if so, what is the number of such
Directors and when they will be appoin-
ted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
CHARGE OF DEPARTMENT OF
REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI
PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) At
present, there are nineteen persons be-
longing to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled
Tribes as non-official Directors/Members on
the Boards of Reserve Bank of India and of
public sector banks.

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI: Will the
Minister give us the break-up of Scheduled
Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

MR. CHAIRMAN: If he has got the
information, he can give.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: In the
case of the United Bank of India, both of
them are Scheduled Tribes, the rest are
Scheduled Castes.

श्री भय्याराम मुण्डा : शेड्युल्ड कास्ट
और शेड्युल्ड ट्राइब्स का रेश्यो आज 15
परसेंट और साढ़े सात परसेंट का है, तो

The question was actually asked in the
floor of the House by Shri Bhaiya Ram
Munda.

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इस हिसाब से इन बोर्डों में इन लोगों की
नियुक्ति करने के प्रश्न पर सरकार विचार
करेगी ?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE : The
hon. Member is mistaken. We are talking of
Directors and there is no such percentage
regarding Scheduled Castes and Scheduled
Tribes to be appointed in the Board of
Directors.

श्री भय्याराम मुण्डा : शेड्युल्ड ट्राइब्स
के लोग ज्यादातर जंगल और पहाड़ों पर
रहते हैं और खेती करते हैं। उन को
खेती के काम में तुंबे वगैरह बनाने में,
पंपिंग सेट्स लगाने में ऋण की ज़रूरत
होती है और उसे हासिल करने में शेड्युल्ड
ट्राइब्स के लोगों को बड़ी दिक्कत होती है।
इस लिए अगर वे लोग इन बोर्डों में
अधिक से अधिक रहें तो वे अपनी कठि-
नाइयों को बोर्ड के सामने रख सकते हैं।
सरकार इन लोगों की दिक्कत को देखते
हुए क्या अधिक से अधिक इस वर्ग के लोगों
को बोर्ड्स में डाइरेक्टर बनाने के प्रश्न पर
विचार करेगी ?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE : I do
agree with the hon. Member that more and
more Scheduled Castes and Scheduled
Tribes should be involved in the manage-
ment of banks so that their interests are
looked after in a better way. I agree with the
suggestion and it is our endeavour to see
that more and more people are appointed.

SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURA-
GOHAIN : The Scheduled Caste and
Scheduled Tribe people are much worried by
coming across the views expressed by some
representative of the Government and also by
courts that article 335 of the Constitution
applies only to appointments to services and
posts in connection with the affairs of the
Union or of a State and to posts the payment
for which is made from the Consolidated
Fund of the State or of the Union and that
posts in the public sector undertakings are
excluded. So, may I ask the hon. Minister
what policy is being adopted so far as the
appointment

of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the nationalised banks is concerned?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: This question relates to the appointment of directors and not to the appointment of personnel or employees.

SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURAGOHAIN: I want to know the policy of the Government.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE : So far as the policy of the Government is concerned, we want to see that more and more Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe people are employed in banks.

SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURAGOHAIN : What is the actual policy? May I know whether the provisions of article 335 are applicable in the case of appointments in the nationalised banks?

MR. CHAIRMAN : He has explained it. The Government will try to take them and more according to necessity.

SHRI N. H. KUMBHARE : The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, who constitute 21 per cent, represent the lowest strata of the society and in the context of the twenty-point economic programme more emphasis should be laid on helping the poorer sections.

MR. CHAIRMAN : This question pertains only to the boards of directors.

SHRI N. H. KUMBHARE : As a matter of fact there are certain schemes drawn up by the banks so as to make loans available on liberal terms. But the response from the poorer sections has been very poor. Therefore, I would like to know whether the Government has under contemplation any other scheme by which all the needy people will be advanced loans on liberal terms and I think it should be possible to do this without asking from them any guarantee.

MR. CHAIRMAN: This question does not arise.

SHRI N. H. KUMBHARE : Then I will ask another question.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You should have done it before.

SHRI N. H. KUMBHARE : We have been told by the Minister that some Directors have been appointed from among the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. I would like to know specifically whether Directors belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been appointed on all the banks which have been nationalised. Is there any mechanism for ensuring that they are in all the banks?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE : I have already mentioned that Directors have not been appointed in all the banks. But we are trying to see that they are appointed in all nationalised banks and in the Central Board of the Reserve Bank and the State Bank of India in the headquarters.

SHRI N. H. KUMBHARE : By what time ?

श्री रोशन लाल : मैं वजीरे आला से यह दरिपास्त करना चाहता हूँ कि डाइरेक्टर्स के अप्वाइमेन्ट के लिए कौन से जायते और कायदे कानूनों की दरकार है जिनको पूरा करने के बाद शेड्यूल्ड कास्ट और शेड्यूल्ड ट्राइब्स के लोग डाइरेक्टर्स बन सकते हैं ?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE : I have already mentioned that there is no statutory provision for appointing Directors from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. But in order to see that their interests are also looked after, we have taken the administrative decision to accommodate more and more people belonging to these communities in the Boards of various nationalised banks.

SHRI ROSHAN LAL: What are the qualifications?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE : Experience in banks and financial management.

SHRI M. R. KRISHNA : The hon. Minister said that there are 14 Directors from these communities. I would like to know whether any directives or instructions have been given by the Finance Ministry to the Banks to take more and more people from these communities as Directors. These 14 Directors were taken by the banks because they wanted to maintain their capacity. I want to know whether

any definite directives or instructions have been given by the Finance Ministry and so to what extent the banks have complied with them ?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE : I have already replied that there is no statutory provision. But when we talk with the bank chitirmen, we tell them to see that suitable persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are recruited and we . . .

SHRI M. R. KRISHNA : That was tried all along by the Government of India and . . .

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE : I have not finished the answer. The hon. Member was a Minister and he knows whether we have tried it or not. It is no use saying that we have tried it in the past. I can assure the hon. Member that we would like to see that within the shortest possible period each bank has one Director belonging to the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes. At the same time. It will take some time.

Construction of Hotels in the Public Sector

♦391. SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR SINGH:

SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA:
SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI
CHUNDAWAT :

DR. V. B. SINGH:

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hotels likely to be constructed in the public sector during the current year;

(b) the location of each hotel;

(c) the expenditure involved in each case; and

(d) the steps being taken to popularise the public sector hotels among tourists from various countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) and (c) During the current

† question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Sawai Singh Sisodia.

financial year, 1975-76, the India Tourism Development Corporation, a public sector undertaking, has commissioned 2 new hotels at Calcutta and Kovalam. The estimated cost of these hotel projects is about Rs. 300 lakhs and Rs. 145 lakhs respectively.

(d) The marketing of the public sector hotels abroad is done primarily through the travel trade. Arrangements also exist for direct reservation of some ITDC hotels through Hotel Reservation Services like Steigenbeiger Reservation Service & Utell International. The India Tourism Development Corporation also advertises in foreign travel trade journals and other news media. Audio visual presentations on India Tourism Development Corporation services are made among foreign travel agents visiting India and also those located abroad in certain centres. The Government of India Tourist Offices abroad and Air India offices are regularly supplied with publicity material pertaining to India Tourism Development Corporation's hotels for dissemination amongst potential travellers and travel agents.

श्री सवाई सिंह सिसोदिया : पर्यटक विभाग अपने आप में एक महान उद्योग है। प्रकृति के वरदान से भारत में पर्यटकों के लिए विशेष मनोरंजन, रोमांचकारी और आकर्षक स्थल हैं। पर्यटक विभाग ने निःसन्देह विदेशी पर्यटकों को भारत की ओर आकर्षित करने में प्रशंसनीय कार्य पिछले वर्षों में किया है। इस लिहाज से विदेशी पर्यटकों की संख्या में वृद्धि हो रही है। इन सारी परिस्थितियों को ध्यान में रखते हुए वर्तमान पंचवर्षीय योजना में विदेशी पर्यटकों की संख्या का क्या अनुमान निर्धारित किया गया था और भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम इस दौरान कितने होटल, लीज आदि चला रहा है और इनमें कितने यात्रियों के ठहरने का प्रबन्ध है पंचवर्षीय योजना की समाप्ति के बाद कितने यात्रियों के ठहरने की व्यवस्था हो सकेगी ?

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : इन्होंने बड़ा लम्बा-चौड़ा प्रश्न कर दिया है। अगर आप