

(b) by when production will start in these factories; and

(c) the estimated expenditure of starting these factories, factory-wise; and the number of persons expected to be employed therein.]

पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शाह नवाज खां):
(क) तथा (ग) रामगुंडम तथा तलचर परियोजनाओं का डिजाइन तथा इन्जीनियरी कार्य लगभग पूरा हो ही गया है। संयंत्र भवनों के सिविल निर्माण कार्यों को पूरा करने की दिशा में भी काफी अधिक प्रगति हुई है। आयातित तथा देशी दोनों ही प्रकार की मशीनरी के लिए आदेश प्रस्तुत कर दिए गये हैं। इन दोनों संयंत्रों की यांत्रिक संस्थापना का काम जुलाई 1975 तक पूरा हो जाने की आशा है और वाणिज्यिक उत्पादन के 1976 के आरम्भ में चालू होने की सम्भावना है।

कोरबा परियोजना कार्यान्वयन की आरम्भिक अवस्था में है और वर्तमान संकेतों के अनुसार संयंत्र के 1977 के आरम्भ में चालू हो जाने की आशा है।

(ग) इस समय इनमें से प्रत्येक परियोजना की लागत 120 करोड़ रुपये होने की आशा है और प्रत्येक परियोजना की जनशक्ति सम्बन्धी आवश्यकता लगभग 1,200 हो सकती है।

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b) The design and engineering work of the Ramagundam and Caliber Projects has very nearly been completed; very substantial progress has also been made towards completion of the civil construction works of the plant buildings. Orders have been placed for both the imported and

indigenous items of machinery. The mechanical erection of these two plants is expected to be completed by July 1975 and commercial production is likely to start early in 1976.

The Kucha Project is in an early stage of implementation and, according to present indications, the plant is expected to be commissioned each in 1977.

((i Each of these projects is presently expected to cost Rs. 120 crores and the manpower requirement of each project may be about 1,200.]

INDUSTRY OF DRUG UNITS

1105. SHRI S. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have since finalised the location of the two Drugs Units under the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. in the Fifth Plan period;

(b) whether the claims of Kerala State have been considered for the allotment of one of them to that State, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

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REFERENCE TO EDITORIAL IN DAILY 'JANYUG' OF DELHI

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR (Uttar Pradesh): Mr. Chairman, with your permission, I want to draw your attention and the attention of the House to a very irresponsible and indecent behaviour and attitude of the editor of a Hindi daily of Delhi. The daily is known as the 'Janyug'. Sir, it is a clear case of breach of privilege. But I do not intend to move a formal motion of privilege only because this editor does not know his limitations and perhaps, he does

†[] English translation 5—

[Shri Chandra Shekhar] not know even the elementary courtesy which is expected from an editor of a daily. So, I just want to bring to your notice and to the notice of the House so that this upstarting journalist could be duly warned so that in future he may behave in a proper way.

on the clock. The Vice-Chairman (Shri V. B. Rajini) the Chair-

Mr. Vice-Chairman, normally I would not have taken note of misreporting of my speech in the Rajya Sabha on Friday, December 7, 1973 when I made a mention about the resignation of Dr. Minhas, a member of the Planning Commission. One cannot understand misreporting but a complete concoction and distortion with a motive to malign cannot be ignored. A clarification becomes all the more necessary when others are implicated in such distortions and their views based on no speech are presented in such a way that may raise serious doubts about their stand and bona fides.

My papers reported that I said in the House that the view of Dr. Minhas and Shri Mohan Dharia are identical. It is a mere fabrication and can be verified from the records of the House. I only said that Dr. Minhas has disagreement with the policy of planning as adopted in the draft Plan. I further said that according to newspaper reports, my friend, Shri Dharia, has also disagreement. I never said that it was my personal information that the views of Shri Dharia and those of Dr. Minhas were identical. I was just pleading with the Government that the facts should be brought before the House. This misreporting was in my papers, perhaps based on the reporting of some newspaper. But I would not have taken objection to that because I know, Mr. Vice-Chairman, under what strain the newspaper reporter gives in the proceedings of the House. But what I object to is that in certain circles there is a tendency of misrepresenting my views, and there are people who make things about nothing. The Hindi daily to which I referred earlier, the Janvug, in its main editorial— it is not reporting—has said, and I quote, I have got a copy of it; On Saturday the paper said many things about Shri Pitamber Das and others; I have nothing to say; they have their own views. But on

the basis of this report I supported Dr. Minhas. This is what the Janvug says and I quote—

“कांग्रेस पार्टी के चन्द्रशेखर भी अपने आपको बड़ा वामपंथी बताते हैं परन्तु स्व सदा अमरीका हिमायती लेते हैं। श्री चन्द्रशेखर द्वारा अपने आपको ऊँचे अर्थशास्त्री मानने वाले इस अमरीकी दलाल मिन्हास का इतना समर्थन खुद उनकी राजनीतिक रुझान को ही उभार कर रख रहा है।”

I translate it into English for the others—

"The Congress Member, Chandra Shekhar, shies himself as a "real leftist but always adopts pro American postures. This much support by Shri Chandra Shekhar to this American agent Minhas, who claims himself as an eminent economist, exposes his own political attitudes,"

I shall like to leave this matter to you and to the judgment of the House but I strongly feel that even though I am not aware of the views expressed by Dr. Minhas—and perhaps I may not be in agreement with him on many issues—I have no reason to doubt his integrity and loyalty to the nation; nor am I in favour of having a closed mind on Plan formulations and the strategy of economic development. I do not know in what way I supported Dr. Minhas in my speech in the House. And even if I supported Dr. Minhas, how can all these epithets and imputing of motives be justified by this newspaper? One can give some margin to the expression made by people with diseased mind and jaundiced eyes but a deliberate design to malign a Member with certain political motivation should not be taken lightly.

Mr. Vice Chairman, Sir, I, therefore, request you to take necessary steps as you deem fit to warn this paper (that his type of irresponsible thing is not repeated in future. Mr. Vice-Chairman. I still hold my view that if planning is to be objective, if planning is to be the purpose of all in the nation, the views of Dr. Minhas or any other dissenting views should be known to the public and the House.

Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir. I do not know I could honestly, the dissenting note of the Minister. Or. Minnas or that of my friend, Mr. Mohan Dharia. But I think it is only fair, in the interest of the country, in the interest of objective planning that this view should be known. Mr. Vice-chairman, Sir, with a little pain and agony, I want to say that union cannot have this paper claims to have. I do not know, the mouth-piece of the C.P.I. I leave it in the Members of the C.P.I. to judge for themselves how such an irresponsible man can lie at the helm of affairs of a daily paper of a political party. What I am known to the House and to the country and for that I do not require any certificate from a petty Editor of a daily paper who does not know even the elementary sense of discipline and decency; to be advanced to this House.

Mr. Vice-Chairman, I formally do not move a motion of breach of privilege taking into view that a newspaper has to report the proceedings of the House under certain limitations. But, unfortunately, this is an editorial, and as an editor he has not even shown the elementary courtesy to the House. I leave it to you and the House to take proper measures in this regard.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Delhi): Mr. Vice Chairman, on a point of order. . .

MR. VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): There is no point of order.

SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY (Tamil Nadu): Sir, on a point of order. . .

SHRI YOGIADRA SHARMA (Bihar): Sir, since he has dragged in the name of the C.P.I. I should be allowed to have in. say.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): The Chairman has allowed Mr. Chandra Shekhar to raise the point in this House. But there is no formal motion before the House. The hon'ble Member has himself said that he is not moving any motion for breach of privilege and, therefore, I am not going to allow any discussion. . .

DR. BHAI MAHAWIR (Delhi): He has hit it to the House.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: On a point of order. Sir. . .

MR. VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): Please bear for a second. He has said he is leaving the House and to the Chair and now it is for the Chair to judge whether it is to be hit to the House or not. I am not allowing any discussion on this issue.

SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY: On a point of order. . .

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Sir, is it a matter to be dealt with between the Chair and the hon'ble Member? If it were so it should have been decided in the Chamber. Since it has been brought to the notice of the House, the House has got a right to express an opinion. As a Member of the House I want to make it clear that it is not Mr. Chandra Shekhar who is involved. A Member of the House is involved. His integrity, his honesty and his political standing are involved. Though he is not anxious to take the matter to the Privileges Committee, it is not a question of Mr. Chandra Shekhar's liking.

MR. VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): What is your point of order?

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: My point of order is this. It is a privilege which should be taken to the Privileges Committee.

MR. VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): It is your opinion.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH (West Bengal): I have also a point of order.

MR. VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): Please do not take time under the guise of point of order.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: I will raise nothing else. My point of order is this: the rules and practice in this House are a matter of reference, which is not a privilege motion, but it is made after the Calling Attention is over. The fact that Shri Chandra Shekhar has been permitted by the Chair to make a reference to this matter even before the Calling Attention motion is, in itself, an admission that this is veiled

[Shri Lai K. Advairi]

tably ;m issue of privilege, Mr, Chandra Shekhar's view is thai ii is up to Llie House or up to the Chair to decide whether something should be (lone about it or not. M\ point of order is that only if it is an issue of privilege, ii can be allowed to be raised before the Calling Attention motion. And il it has been allowed to be raised before the Calling Attention motion, the assumption is that the Chair regards it as a matter of privilege. Therefore, the House or the Chair has io lake a decision right new.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): Mr. Advani, ii is quasi privilege in nature. . .

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Exactly.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): Let me complete. It is quasi privilege in nature and it is the tight of the lion. Member to move a motion or not. So when be has sought the permission of l be Chair and be has been allowed to mention it, there ends the matter. And the Chair does not permit any discussion on the subject. But if a notice comes from some quarters in some form, that is a different matter.

SHRI LAL. K. ADVAM: The Chair lias to give its opinion on it. When yotl have allowed it, von cannot allow it to bang in the air.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN SHRI V. 15. RAJU): You have not allowed the Chair to say anything. You are simply raising points of order.

[Interruptions]

SHRI PITAMBER DAS (Uttar Pradesh): I had also made a mention of Dr. Minhas's resignation thai day. I as well as Mr. Chandra Shekhar bad very clearly said thai Dr. Minhas bad disagreed with some...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): You are going into the subject mailer. Have \<ui any point of order?

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Sir, this is con tempt of the House.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. IV RAJU): Let me say. . .

(Interruptions)

SHRI PI LAM BLR DAS: I bad made a mention thai day and m\ name has been referred io l» Mr. Chandra Shekhar to-day also. I hercloi'e. I have got to express myself. We did s.i\ thai Dr. Minhas had his own disagreements, so bad Mr. Mohan Dharia and so bad some other economic experts in tin-country. Their differences may not have been the same. And when the paper puts an editorial like this, I formally move that this matter be referred io the Privileges Committee.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): The bon. Member is eligible to do ii according to the rules.

SHRI LAL k. ADVANI: What is your decision?

SHRI l'l rwi li LR DAS: I have EormaU; moved,

1111'. VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): It is your privilege and it is your option lo move or not to more.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: The Chair has conceded that ibis is an issue of privilege.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): No.

(Inh rruptions)

SHRI LAL k. ADVANI: What about the motion?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. 1'.. RAJU): It is left lo him.

(Interruptions)

SHRI PITAMBER DAS: Mr. Chandra Shekhar does not warn to exercise his right. He sava ii is a mallei of. . .

(Interruption)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): Give it in writing.

SHRI PITAMBER DAS: He also says that it is a matter of privilege, Now it is for the House lo decide' or for you lo dei ide.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): There is no formal motion before the House.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: He has moved it.
(Interruptions)

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): You know, under the rules there is a formal procedure for giving notice for a privilege motion.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: What is this? I would like. . .

HIE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): You have not allowed the Chair to say anything. Please allow the Chair to sii something.

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: Mr. Chandra Shekhar has taken objection. . .

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: This is no point of order.

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: How do you prejudge it?

(Interruptions)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): Please sit down, all of you. Let me say something. The hon. Member has raised the point in his narration that the press has not correctly reported what he said here. And the press is aware, the world is aware, the House is aware, the press has been given the best of facilities in Parliament and it is our hope and desire that it takes sufficient care in reporting the proceedings of the House correctly.

SHRI PITAMBER DAS: Malicious.

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: Distorted and malicious.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Mr. Vice-Chairman, I have a point of order. . .

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): No point of order please.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: How can you say 'no point of order' even without listening to me?

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: On a point of order. . .

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): Mr. Chandra Shekhar raised a point

that lie was not reported correctly. There ends ilie matter. There is no further discussion.

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: On a point of order. Since Mr. Chandra Shekhar referred to the CPI, in all fairness the CPI should be heard.

SHRI LAL k. ADVANI: On a point of order. Mr. Vice-Chairman, if you are making it a debate, then we will hear him. It is not a point of order.

I HE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): No point of order.

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: How can \CIII rule it out of order. . .

SHRI LAL k. ADVANI : No, you can-QOI allow him.

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: The CPI has been specifically mentioned. It should be heard. Thai is the convention. . .

SHRI D. D. PURI (Hanana): Sir, Rule 1S7 docs not imohe moving a formal motion of breach of privilege. All that it contemplates is making a reference to the mallei which involves a breath of privilege of the Member or ol tin House. That is what exactly Mr. Chandra Shekhar lias done. Rule 187 says:

"Subject to the provisions of these rules, a member may, with the consent of the Chairman. . .

And this I presume he has obtained—

. . . raise a question . . .

Not mine a motion—

. . . involving a breach of privilege either of a member, or of the Council or of a committee thereof,"

I draw a distinction between moving a formal motion for a breach of privilege and raising a matter, with the previous consent of the Chairman, which involves a breach of privilege of the House. Mr. Chandra Shekhar has complied with the provisions of Rule 1K7. Now Rule 190 reads like this:

"The Chairman, if he gives consent under Rule 187. . ." And I presume that

[Shri D. D. Puri] Shri Chandra Slick
liar has obtained this i onsen t—

ami holds thai, the mailer proposed
to be discussed is in order. This permission to
make a reference by the Chairman could only
be given if he holds that the matter is in
order—

"... shall, alter the questions and before the
List oi business is entered upon, call the
member concerned, who shall rise in his
place and, while asking foi leave m raise
the question of privilege make a short
statemem relevant (hereto." Ii is not Foi
moving a motion, bui to raise ;i question of
privilege. So I maintain that if Shri
l'itamber Das is now mining a formal
motion, he is perfect!) competent so to do.
Rules 187 and 190 having been complied
with, and we also support him.

1111. VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B.
RAJU): Mr, Chandra Shekhar while seeking
permission ol the Chairman, made ii ileal thai
he was not moving a formal motion ol
breach of privilege . . .

SHRI OH \M)K \ SHEKHAR: Sir, I III; i\
make the point quite clear. I hold thai ii is a
Hear case o) breach of privilege. \oi onh I
hold. Inn anybody who knows even the
elementary rules of Parliamentary procedure
»ill say that if a newspaper in its editorial
rommeiii makes such a remark, it is a breach
of privilege. I gave a letter to the Chairman
and in ihai I indicated this and in that I also
wrote that il is lor the Chair and the House lo
take a view, bill m\ opinion is thai this editor
seems to be a notice, does not know his
limitations. Ibis is inv view. So I told the
Chairman in the Chamber and I say it here
and through Mm, Mr. Vice-Chairman, to the
House also that the House may take a leni out
view. I do no! agree if anybody says there is
no breach of privilege, because il ii is not a
bieach ol privilege, there cannoi be any
breach ol privilege of the House. So, Mr.
Vice-Chairman, m\ poim i-- thai even if il is
breach of privilege, be should be warned and
the House should lake a lenii nl \ tew . . .

i rupthns).

SHRI s. G. SARDESAI (Maharashtra):
It should go to the Privileges
Committee and the Privileges Committee has
to comi to the conclusion whethei there
has been

In each of privilege or not. On the one hand
Shri Chandra Shekhar says thai there is bleach
of privilege and on the other he sa's thai the
editor should lie warned . .

(Interruptions).

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: I he point is ibis.
Shri Chandra Shekhar said that he is not mi
ling a motion for breath of privilege, hut
certainly this comment is uncalled lor. Or.
Minhas was picked up b\ Shri P. X. Haksar.
He used to sa\ that lie is sening the country
from American. . .

I HI. VICE-CH URMAX (SHRI V. Is. i<
\JU): Von ai' going outside . . .

SINH NIREN GHOSH: I waul to say that .

(Intel \uplions).

Mil'. VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B.
RAJU): As long as there is no formal motion,
the Chair cannoi do anything now.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: My point of order
is this . . .

(Intetruption)

SHRI I). D. PURI I maintain that he has
moved the motion . . .

SHRI PITAMBER DAS: We have lo be i
en I lc.n mi two points . . .

rHE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B.
RAJU): Please bear in mind one thing. This is
not the firsl time that Such a tiling is
happening. I here were precedents earlier.
There are procedures and rule! making a
motion. When ii comes up b the House, the
Chair will use the-discre-tion and follow the
rules. . .

i lain m/i i

SHRI D. i). PURI: I respectfully submit
thai whal Shri Chandra Shekhar said
amounts to moving the motion, lie said that
breach has bun committed bin recommend
thai he should be menu warned".

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B.
RAJU): Iliire is a procedure and formality for
all thest things. By merely saying something,
il does not become a motion.

SHRI PITAMBER DAS: We have to be im
char on Iwo points. One is that Shri Chandra
Shekhar has suggested a lenient punishment.
The second is that a formal

motion is needed. I have formally moved it. What iici.e do \nu want?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): Don't i vm agree thai there should be a formal motion:

SHRI PITAMBER DAS: I have done it.

OK. BHAI M \IIA\ IK: It has alieadv heen moved.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): There are rules and procedure for it. By merely mentioning something, it does not heroine a formal motion. . .

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: I would beg of vm not to give a ruling on iliis issue unless il is coolly considered because this is going to be a precedent. Shri Chandra Shekhar was allowed to raise this point even though it iva's not mentioned in today's Agenda paper or list of Business. I am very thankful to Shri Puri for drawing mv attention to the fact that at this stage there need be no formal motion for reference of the issue to the Privileges Committee. There is only need for raising ol the issue. If there is anv objection to the raising, then the matter may be referred to the House and the House will decide whether leave should be granted or not. If the requisite number of members stand up, then leave is granted. Here. there was no objection. . .

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: I was on mv legs.

1111. VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): You read Rule 188.

SHRI LAI K. ADVANI: I <an understand thai. On that basis he has been given the permission. Otherwise, be would ii.it have been given the permission. Now, s:r. Mr. Yogendra Sharma wants to object to it ami I can understand it. Then, Sir. it is for you to refer the matter to the I louse and see whether the requisite number of people are there.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): Shall I add something to the information of the House? The honourable Member has already said that he is not

moving a formal motion of privilege at this stage.

SHRJ LAL K. ADVANI: He cannot Sii. It cannot be raised ami he is not allowed to do it. Cutler tin Rules, Sir, he cannot move a motion of privilege. He can only seek the permission of llie House to raise the issue involving a privilege which be has done already. Sir. sou kindly go tthrough the Rules. There is a reference for motion here.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJ! i: The Rules say. . .

SHRI LAL R. ADVANI: No motion, Sir.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): The Rule sa's that a member wishing to raise a question of privilege shall give notice in writing to the Secretary before the ronimenceincnl of the silting on [in ilav the question is proposed to be raised.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Sir, I have seen the honourable Member's letter which he has already sent to the Chairman:. May I submit that the motion is to come under l'il only? The motion of privilege is to come under Rule 191 and not under Rule 187 and Rule 191 sa's. "If leave under Rule l'»0 is granted",—because that is the first: process—"the Coundl may consider, the question and come to a decision or tiki it to the Committee of Privileges on a motion made by the leader of the Council in. in his absence, b) any other member." This means that the question of motion of privilege can come only at a later stage. Ai this particular stage it is only raising tile issue which tin Chair has deemed it lit in allow him to do. Now, Mr. Yogendra Sharma wants to object to this and I can understand it and I teeniest you to allow Mr. Sharma to do (hat.

MIRI MAHAVIR TYAGI (Uttar Pradesh) : Sir. just a dai ilu aii on.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): Eel this he disposed of first!

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI; Sir, I have to comment on this. As I understand the Rules. Mr. Chandra Shekhar has raised a question with the permission ol the Chair and he has left it to the House to

[Shri Mahavir Tyagi]

proceed further, that is, whether to take it up as a privilege motion or to do anything else or to reprimand or whatever they like. Mr. Chandra Shekhar has not moved a motion of privilege and he has left it to the House. Therefore, Sir, after listening to Mr. Chandra Shekhar and knowing about the facts, I think it is a little wider than the House can take up officially, that is, a privilege motion. But I think it should not come by surprise. What I suggest is this, a notice of privilege may be duly submitted to the Secretary, a date may be fixed and it may be put on the agenda and all the Members can come prepared and discuss that on that day and that should be the final decision of the House on that day not today. I, therefore, suggest that you wait for the notice to come and, in the meantime, the notes of dissent, etc. of the Members of the Planning Commission which have been put before the House so that we can discuss on the facts, know what the actual position is and so, those papers must be made available to us.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT (Harvana): Not necessary, Sir.

SHRI PITAMBER HAS: Notice is already there.

SHRI KRISHNAN KANT: Sir, once the Chairman has allowed it, under Rule 190—kindly hear; it is very clear—if leave is granted, the Council may consider the question and come to a decision. Sir, now the House is in possession of the matter.

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: Yes.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT: And it has been allowed, under Rule 187. Kindly hear me, Sir. According to Rule 187, sub-jewel in the provisions of this rule, a member may, with the consent of the Chairman, raise a question involving a breach of privilege either of, a member or of the Council or of a Committee thereof.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): Please read Rule 188 also.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT: Kindly listen to me, Sir. When the subject has been raised with the permission of the Chairman, Rule 190 comes in. The Chairman may give permission under Rule 187 and, so,

the reference is under Rule 187 only. But he has mentioned Rule 190. And Rule 190(1) says like this:

"The Chairman, if he gives consent under rule 187 and holds that the matter proposed to be discussed is in order, shall, after the questions and before the list of business is entered upon, call the member concerned, who shall rise in his place and, while asking for leave to raise the question of privilege make a short statement relevant thereto; . . ."

In the statement made, he has said very clearly that it is a matter of privilege; breach has taken place. Even second time he has said that it is a clear question of breach of privilege, which he wants to pursue.

Meaning Rule 191 says:

"If leave under Rule 190 is granted. The Council may consider the question and come to a decision or refer it to a Committee of Privileges . . ."

After that has been done, Rule 191 applies. Now the House is in possession of the issue. Whether you discuss it now or you discuss it tomorrow, this is a matter for the House to decide. Now the thing has gone into your hands. Now it is in the possession of the House.

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR: Sir, may I make a clarification, because it will be improper for me not to clarify the matter? I personally hold that it is a breach of privilege. But when I went to the Chairman, I specifically told him that I did not want to make a formal motion of privilege, and I advanced my own argument and my own feeling about it. If I had asked the Chairman that I would give a formal motion. I do not know what would have been his reaction. In a Parliamentary democracy, our talks with the Chair are as valid as the Rules of the House. If I told the Chairman that I cannot move a formal motion, it will not be fair on my part to be a witness to this interpretation of Rules that I have already formally moved the motion. . .

(Interruptions)

SHRI SALIL KUMAR GANGULI (West Bengal): You have referred to the question of privilege. . .

(Interruptions)

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR: This is my stand on this issue. I must make it quite clear. . . (Interruptions), But what has been the feeling of the House been clearly indicated. I do not think it is such a serious matter, because the writing of an editor is of very little consequence. Whether my reputation or the reputation of the House will be at stake—that is not the question. This is my view which I told the Chairman, and I shall urge upon the House also not to make a big thing out of a small thing—small in the sense that it is the outburst of a petty mind, which should not be taken too seriously. . .

(Interruptions)

SHRI KRISHAN KANT: Kindly hear me.

(Interruptions)

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: I have been standing and you are not allowing me to speak. . .

(Interruptions)

SHRI KRISHAN KANT: After Mr. Chandra Shekhar has said this, it is very necessary that whatever the intention might be. . .

(Interruptions)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): Order, order.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT: Once the question is in the possession of the House, it is for the House to decide whether he be reprimanded or not. It is not either for Mr. Chandra Shekhar or for the Vice-Chairman to decide. It is for the House to decide. Under Rule 191 the House is in possession of the issue, . . .

(Interruptions)

SHRI PITAMBER DAS: For your information, Sir. . .

(Interruptions)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): Mr. Yogendra Sharma,

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SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: Mr. Chandra Shekhar's objections to certain writings in the 'Janyug', as far as I have been able to understand, are not to any mis-reporting of any proceedings in Parliament. . . (Interruptions). But the portion he read out is the portion of the editorial. . .

{Interruptions}

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): We are not discussing the subject-matter now. . .

(Interruptions)

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: My point of order is that an editorial comment or editorial opinion cannot be made an issue of breach of privilege, unless it distorts or prevents the proceedings in Parliament. I think the editorial comments and the editorial criticisms should be free and cannot be made an issue of breach of privilege. Secondly, Sir, Mr. Chandra Shekhar has said that, maybe in an unguarded way some unpalatable and unparliamentary words have been written. He is prepared to look at the things like that. Sir, there is my point of order.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): Please sit down. There is no point of order. Let me make it clear that there is no point of order.

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: How do you say that? . . .

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): Please sit down. Let us follow the rules. There is no harm in following the rules. Rule 188 says. . .

SHRI PITAMBER DAS: It is only an alternative remedy.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): Rule 188 says, "A member wishing to raise a question of privilege shall give notice in writing to the Secretary. . ."

Mr. Chandra Shekhar met the Chairman and sought his permission to raise the point with an assurance, with a categorical statement that he is not formally moving any privilege motion. There the matter ends

[Shri V. P. Raju.]

If Shri Pitamber Das or for that matter anybody in the House has the intention of giving a proper notice under Rule 188, he is perfectly eligible to do so and he has a right to do so. And proper procedure will be followed. And there is a lot of procedure. So, the matter is closed.

SHRI PITAMBER DAS: Do you suggest that the matter ends even after his writing? It actually begins then.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): As far as today's actual raising of the point before the House is concerned, he has raised it only for the purpose of recording, and it is recorded. I am going to call the next item papers to be laid on the Table.

PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE

Annual report and accounts (1971-72) of the Cochin Refineries Limited and related papers.

IMF. MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under subsection (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following paper!

ii Tenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Cochin Refineries Limited, for the year 1971-72, together with the Auditors' Report thereon and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review In Government on the working of the Company.

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for (i) and (ii)].

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI Y. B. RAJU): Now, Dr. Bhai Mahavir—Calling Attention.

श्री सीताराम सिंह (बिहार) : श्री-मन, मैं इस सदन का ध्यान हरियाणा के हरिजनों की ओर दिलाना चाहता हूँ

जो तीन चार महीने से अपना आन्दोलन चला रहे हैं।

श्री उप-सभाध्यक्ष (श्री वी० बी० राजू) : आप बैठ जाइये। आपने पहले से इजाजत नहीं ली है।

श्री सीताराम सिंह : हरियाणा के हरिजनों के साथ बहुत अत्याचार हो रहा है।

श्री उप-सभाध्यक्ष (श्री वी० बी० राजू) : वह रिकार्ड में नहीं जायेगा क्योंकि आपने पहले से इजाजत नहीं ली है।

This will not go on record.

(श्री सीताराम सिंह बोलते रहे)

श्री उप-सभाध्यक्ष (श्री वी० बी० राजू) : आनरेबल मेम्बर को हाउस का तजुर्बा है कि जब कोई प्वाइन्ट उठाया जाता है तो पहले चयरमैन से इजाजत ली जाती है और उसके बाद कहा जाता है। आप पहले परमिशन लीजिये और उसके बाद कहिये।

(श्री सीताराम सिंह बोलते रहे)

SHRI NIREN GHOSH (West Bengal): How can you say that it should not be recorded?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. B. RAJU): I have not allowed him to speak.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Where is the rule?

(Interruptions) (Shri Sitaram

Singh continued speaking).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI Y. B. RAJU): Mr. Sitaram Singh, you have been a very disciplined Member of the House and you have been always obeying the Chair. I do not know why you are taking the time of the House like this. Please sit down. I am calling the next item.