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MERGER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SET UP OF POONA-SHOLAPUR-BARSI AND POONA-MIRAJ WITH CENTRAL RAILWAY

\*560. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:†

SHRI V. R. PARASHAR:

SHRI S. S. BOBDEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals to merge the administrative set up of Poona-Sholapur-Barsi and Poona-Miraj with the Central Railway from the control of South Central Railway due to technical reasons and improved administration; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b) A proposal had been received sometime back for creating a new division headquartered either at Sholapur or Miraj consisting of Puna-Miraj, Puna-Sholapur and other sections lying in Marathawada area and attaching the same to the Central Railway. The proposal was not accepted on administrative and operational grounds.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: May I know whether the Government is aware that while nobody will expect the Government to have any reorganisation of the railways on a linguistic basis, administratively, economically and operationally this section between Poona and Sholapur was with the Central Railway previously and it was called out by no less a person than Mr. S. K. Patil for political reasons? May I know from the hon. Minister whether the political wisdom or foolishness done will be undone on administrative, economic and operational grounds?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Can there be political foolishness also?

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri A. G. Kulkarni.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: What else, Sir? When Mr. Patil was the Railway Minister he went out to deprive Maharashtra of something.

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI: Point of order. Is it really fair for the hon. Member to say something—that it was political foolishness—against an ex-Minister who is not present here and who is not in a position to reply? Is it fair to say that Mr. S. K. Patil deprived Maharashtra of getting this line?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: It is political . . .

(Interruptions)

When Mr. Patil was there he was anti-Maharashtra.

(Interruptions)

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI: Why impute motives like this?

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI: If I have correctly understood the hon. Member, it appears that the reminder of Shri Kulkarni is based purely on linguistic considerations.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: No, no. How do you say that? I appreciate that I do not want it on a linguistic basis.

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI: I have to add something more. The railway zones and divisions cannot be so organised as the delineation of the territory has been to satisfy the technological, operational and management needs in relation to providing adequate facilities to the travelling public and for transshipment of commodities. As I have already said, it will entail a lot of expenditure and it will not be possible to have this new division created. As it seems, I am prepared to the extent that in case he can justify the creation purely on economic, administrative and operational grounds, this can be considered. Various representations justifying

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: My second question is that it is not only Mr. Kulkarni who has to justify but your Ministry has also to assure about this because we have received

carrying out those areas to the Central Railway on operational, administrative and economical grounds. So, I would like to know whether you would appoint a Review Committee or some other Committee of your Department to go into this and see that whatever is necessary it is done. It is not a question between Mr. Kulkarni and the Minister alone.

**SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI:** Sir, I do not think there is any reason for appointing any Committee on this. However, if the Members of Parliament are prepared to take up this matter, I am prepared, we can constitute a Committee of the Members of this area who can only go into the administrative and economic aspects of it and make recommendations. It will be purely on economic and operational grounds.

**SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI:** But not on political foolishness.

**SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:** Not at all. That was done only by Mr. Patil.

**श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :** श्री मैंने मंत्री जी से कहा कि इस प्रश्न को आप एडमिनिस्ट्रेटिव्ह और इकानामिक दृष्टि में रेव्यू करने के लिये तैयार हैं। इस एक आपके एश्योरेन्स के कारण से भी, और प्रदेश के अंदर अन्य प्रकार की डिमांड है कि वर्तमान में आपके जोन्स और डिविजन्स कोई नेशनल आधार पर नहीं है, जिस प्रकार एक बार बन गए उनको आपने धीरे धीरे इधर उधर किया है लेकिन किसी राशनल आधार पर ये नहीं हैं और इसके कारण से विभिन्न क्षेत्रों के संसद सदस्य भी अपने अपने डिविजन्स और अपने अपने जोन्स के पुनर्निधारण की दृष्टि से आपसे समय समय पर मांग करते रहे हैं और मैं आपको उदाहरण दे दूँ, जोधपुर और बीकानेर डिविजन के क्षेत्र के लोगों की मांग है कि हमको वेस्टर्न रेलवे के साथ मिलाया जाए, वेस्टर्न रेलवे की डिमान्ड है कि बम्बई माऊथ जोन पर है, उसको जबदंती जोन का सेंटर बनाया है, It is a question which should be looked at as a whole.

तो क्या जैसा कलकर्णी साहब ने सवाल रखा,

क्या उन्हीं के सवाल के आधार पर रेव्यू करने के लिये तैयार हैं या बाकी सारे सेट-अप को भी रेव्यू करने की गवर्मेंट की आवश्यकता है और क्या इस प्रकार के प्रश्न को आप आगे चल कर रेव्यू करेंगे ?

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یو جو زوس نئے ہوئے ہں اں کے بارے میں رپو کی کوئی ضرورت محسوس نہیں کی جا رہی ہے۔

†[**श्री मुहम्मद शफी कुरेशी:** फिलहाल तो जो जोन्स बने हुए हैं उनके बारे में रिव्यू करने की कोई जरूरत महसूस नहीं की जा रही है।]

**श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :** : नहीं बाकी और सारे . . . . .

**श्री सभापति :** जो सवाल है उसी के मुस्तालिक पूछिए ।

**श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :** डिविजनल क बारे में भी तो है। अगर, जैसा उन्होंने कहा, बाकी सदस्य देंगे तो क्या करेंगे ?

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کے ڈیورنل زوس میں اگر ریلوے کے فائدہ کے لئے اور اس کی آفیشنسی کو بڑھانے کے لئے کوئی تبدیلی کرنی پڑے تو ہمیں کوئی اعتراض نہیں ہے۔

†[**श्री मुहम्मद शफी कुरेशी :** रेलवे के डिविजनल जोन्स में अगर रेलवे के फायदा के लिये और उसकी एफीशिएन्सी को बढ़ाने के लिये कोई तब्दीली करनी पड़े तो हमें कोई एतराज नहीं है।]

†[ ] Hindi translation.