

MESSAGE FROM THE LOK SABHA**THE ASSAM REORGANISATION (MEGHALAYA) BILL, 1969**

SECRETARY : Sir, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary of the Lok Sabha :—

"In accordance with the provisions of Rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha. I am directed to enclose herewith the Assam Reorganisation (Meghalaya) Bill, 1969, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 24th December, 1969".

Sir, I lay the Bill on the Table.

SHRI OM MEHTA (Jammu and Kashmir) : I again request the Leader of the...

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal) : After Punjab.

SHRI OM MEHTA : After Punjab?

श्री राजनारायण (उत्तर प्रदेश) : श्रीमन्, आप से यही एक प्रश्न कहेगा कि जो बिल अभी लोक सभा से पास हो कर आया है और जिस पर आज हम से आप विचार करवा रहे हैं, क्या यह संसदीय है, उचित है और बंध है ? इन तीनों का उत्तर आप दे दीजियेगा ताकि भविष्य में जब हम कुछ कहें, तो आप उसको भी कंसीडर करें।

सभा के नेता (श्री के० के० शाह) : राजनारायण जी, आपको रेक्वेस्ट करने का तो हमको अधिकार है।

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : I would appeal to the Leader of the House, do not raise this issue. Let us go through the Punjab Bill and conclude it. After that. . .

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : There were some unforeseen circumstances. . .

SHRI RAJNARAIN : Unforeseen?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : . . . And that is why the Assam Reorganisation (Meghalaya) Bill is coming at this stage. So, we come to the Punjab Bill.

THE PUNJAB LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ABOLITION) BILL, 1969

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : Mr. Deputy Chairman, I beg to move :

"That the Bill to provide for the abolition of the Legislative Council of the State of Punjab and for matters supplemental, incidental and consequential thereto, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The question was proposed.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA (Uttar Pradesh) : On a point of order. May I ask the Leader of the House whether this subject falls under Family Planning, Works, Housing or Health?

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal) : It is the family planning of the Legislative Council Chambers of the States.

(Some him, A [embers stood up])

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : You all agreed to pass the Bill. I am giving you an opportunity. You want to postpone the passing of the Bill ?

श्री राजनारायण (उत्तर प्रदेश) : हम इस बिल का स्वागत करते हैं और यह जल्द से जल्द पास हो जाना चाहिये।

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : We all welcome it and I In-; let this Bill be passed without debate. That will be a symbol of our desire.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH (West Bengal) : One minute. Some Members from the Lok Sabha said that this House should be abolished. I do not agree with them for the reason that this House represents the States. States means nationalities. India is a multi-national country. Whatever the set-up the nationalities have to exist and There should be some House representing those nationalities. So, they are wrong. That is all.

श्री गनेशी लाल चौधरी (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैं इस बिल का स्वागत करता हूँ और चाहता हूँ कि यह बिल जल्दी से जल्दी पार कर दिया जाय।

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY (Mysore) : I am very happy to lend our support to this measure. In 1952 I his question was raised in the State Assembly of Mysore. We all wanted that the Mysore Legislative Council should be abolished. Unfortunately, the Congress was in power. We could not do it in Mysore. I am happy that one by one the Legislative Councils of States are being abolished. West Bengal Legislative Council is abolished. Punjab Legislative Council is going to be abolished. Through out India, in all the States, the Legislative Councils are anachronisms. They have no place in a democratic set-up. They should be abolished. They are misused for propping up the defeated candidates for making them Chief Ministers. That was done in Bombay, that was done in Madras, that was done in Mysore. We should pass this Bill.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : Sir, only J One word. . .

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : You have already said. You have finished the speech.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : Then, it is my right. . .

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : You are speaking twice. On the first occasion, you said, "I welcome the Bill".

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : Otherwise, we go by default. You will understand. People will not know what we say. All right. I wanted to take one minute and merely make a one-minute speech.

I congratulate the people of Punjab and the legislators of Punjab for having taken the decision to abolish the Council. It also goes to the credit of the Rajya Sabha to day that almost without any debate we are endorsing the Punjab Legislative Council (Abolition) Bill and extending to them our good wishes and our full support. [

श्री ना० कृ० शेखवलकर (मध्य प्रदेश) : माननीय उपसभापति महोदय, आपकी सम्मति से मैं केवल इतना ही निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि इस सम्बन्ध में सबसे पहला कदम उठाने वाला हमारा मध्य प्रदेश का राज्य था। मध्य प्रदेश में यह सवाल उठा, कांग्रेस की सरकार के पतन के बाद यह सवाल वहाँ आया था, लेकिन हम लोगों ने यही प्रयास किया कि यह न हो।

यह कहा गया कि फिर से अपर हाउस को कायम कराया जाय और उसका लाभ उठाया जाय। लेकिन जैसे ही हम लोग सरकार में शामिल हुये, तो सब से पहला काम यह किया गया कि वहाँ इस प्रकार का अपर चेम्बर न बनाया जाय। तो जो यह विधेयक यहाँ पारित करके भेजा गया है, उसका मैं स्वागत करता हूँ और यह निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि इस प्रकार की एबोलिशन की जो कार्यवाही की जा रही है, वह बहुत उचित है। मैं इसका स्वागत करता हूँ।

سردار نيلندر سنگھ بٹال (پنجاب) :

جناب - میں اس بل کا स्वाگت کرتا ہوں اور مجھے فخر حاصل ہے کہ میری پارٹی کی حکومت نے یہ نیک کام کیا ہے - یہ نیک قدم اٹھایا ہے اور اس میں ہمارے دوسرے بھائیوں نے بھی اس کا ساتھ دیا ہے - میں ان سب کا -واگت کرتا ہوں - یہ ایک اچھی بات ہوئی ہے - دس مہینے کے بعد یہ بل لایا گیا ہے - پھر بھی مجھے خوشی ہے کہ یہ بل آج لایا گیا ہے - اور یہاں آیا اور آپ اس کو پاس کرنے جا رہے ہیں - میں اس کو پہلے ہی پاس کرنا چاہتے تھا لیکن پھر بھی ایک اچھا کام ہو رہا ہے - میں سب کا شکریہ ادا کرتا ہوں اور آپ کا بھی شکریہ ادا کرتا ہوں کہ آپ نے اس کے لئے موقع دیا -

†[सरदार नरेन्द्र सिंह बटल (पंजाब) : जनाब, मैं इस बिल का स्वागत करता हूँ और मुझे फخر हासिल है कि मेरी पार्टी की हुकूमत ने यह नैक काम किया, यह नैक कदम उठाया और इसमें हमारे दूसरे भाइयों ने भी उसका साथ दिया। मैं उन सबका स्वागत करता हूँ। यह एक अच्छा बात हुई है। 10 महीने के बाद यह बिल लाया गया है, फिर भी मुझे खुशी है कि यह बिल आज लाया गया और यहाँ आया और आप इसको पास करने जा रहे हैं। यों इसको

†[] Hindi transliteration.

[श्री नरेन्द्र सिंह धार]

पहले ही पास करना चाहिये था, लेकिन फिर भी आज एक अच्छा काम हो रहा है। मैं सब का शुक्रिया अदा करता हूँ और आपका भी शुक्रिया अदा करता हूँ कि आपने इसके लिये मौका दिया।]

श्री जगत नारायण (हरियाणा) : डिप्टी चेयरमैन साहब, हम अपोजीशन पार्टियों के नेताओं के बड़े शुक्रगुजार हैं कि सबने मिल कर इसका स्वागत किया है और मैं कांग्रेस पार्टी का भी मणकूर हूँ कि उन्होंने इस बिल को इस सेशन में पास कर दिया। चाहे इसको देर हुई लेकिन मैं उनका शुक्रिया अदा करता हूँ और इस बिल का स्वागत करता हूँ। हालांकि 10 महीने पहले ही इसको पंजाब ने पास कर भेजा था, लेकिन देर आयद दुस्त आयद और हम इसका स्वागत करते हैं।

SHRI G. P. SOMASUNDARAM (Tamil Nadu) : Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, it all depends whether in a particular State the Council is working in a proper way or not. But the Punjab Council is not working. They have passed a resolution to abolish it. So I support the Bill.

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE (West Bengal) : Sir, I welcome this Bill and through you, I request the Government to bring a Bill to delete articles 168 and 169 totally from the Indian Constitution!

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA (Uttar Pradesh) : Mr. Deputy Chairman, while welcoming the Bill I want to draw your attention to what happened in 1962. Just now Mr. Niren Ghosh said that there was a demand in the Lok Sabha for the abolition of this House. A similar thing happened in 1964. One day, the then Chief Whip, Mr. Satya Narayan Sinha, came to me and asked : "Bhargava, do you know the demand in the Lok Sabha." They say that we cannot afford the luxury of having the Upper Houses and, therefore, they want the Rajya Sabha to be abolished". I said, "Forgive them. They know not what they are talking. If in emergency any House has to be abolished it will be the Lok Sabha. The Rajya Sabha is a permanent body." I welcome this Bill for the abolition of the Punjab Legislative Council.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Any reply ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : No reply is needed.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The question is :

"That the Bill to provide for the abolition of the Legislative Council of the State of Punjab and for matters supplemental, incidental and consequential thereto, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : We shall now take up the clause by clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 to 9 were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI MOHAMMED YUNUS SALEEM) : Sir, I move :

"That the Bill be passed."

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The question was proposed.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Any observation

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA (Orissa) : Since I did not get a chance in the first reading, in the third reading I take myself with the sentiment as expressed here.

श्री शीलभद्र याजी (बिहार) : मुझे भी बोलना है।

श्री राजनारायण : श्रीमान्, इनको बुलायेंगे तो यह सब बिगाड़ देंगे, उनको न बुलाइये।

श्री शीलभद्र याजी : राजनारायण जी, आप क्या कहते हैं? माननीय डिप्टी चेयरमैन साहब, यह बिल जो पास हो रहा है, उसकी तो मैं तारीफ करता हूँ। लेकिन जो विरोधी दल के लोग हैं, उनको एक नसीहत भी देना चाहता हूँ और वह नसीहत यह है कि जो कौंसिल की व्यवस्था है, उसके

लिये जब वह माइनारिटी में आ जाते हैं, तो चिल्ल पों मचाने लगते हैं कि कौन्सिल टूट जानी चाहिये, लेकिन ...

سندھ نریندر سنگھ برار : ہمارے وہاں
تو معجرتی نے پاس کیا ہے -

†[सरदार नरेन्द्र सिंह ब्रार : हमारे वहां तो
मैजोरिटी ने पास किया है ।

श्री शीलभद्र याजी : इस सिलसिले में वह ठीक है । भागव जी ने कहा कि अनाप शनाप बात होने लगती है । कहने लगते हैं कि राज्य सभा रखी जाय या नहीं रखी जाय । लेकिन मेरा कहना है कि राज्य सभा जो है वह पर्मनेंट बाडी है और उसका दूसरा कान्टीट्यूशन है । लेकिन मेरा कहना यह है कि जो अपर चैम्बर को हटाने की असेम्बली से मांग आई है वह ठीक है और जितने जोर शोर से इसको आज पास किया गया है वह ठीक है । लेकिन एक जमाना आयेगा जब कि फिर से वहां से कौन्सिल को बनाने की मांग आने वाली है और उसके लिये मेरा कहना है कि तब इस हाउस को उसे कभी भी मंजूर नहीं करना चाहिये । वस मुझे इतना ही कहना है ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The question is :

"That the Bill be passed."

The motion was adapted.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : Sir, we are a House of young people, full of vitality, including the Chairman. That is why within ten minutes we have passed it.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH : We are more ridive to this institution.

HALF AN-HOUR DISCUSSION RE. SHARES HELD BY SHRIMATI ARUNA ASAF ALI AND THE DIRECT TAXES PAID BY HER DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Half-an-hour discussion. Mr. Lokanath Misra.

[] Hindi transliteration.

SHRI. BHUPESH GUPTA : After this we will go to the Meghalaya Bill. I hope The house can assure the Government that they will pass it.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH (West Bengal) : Sir, I am not here for long. Bui. I want to record that I want the Meghalaya Bill to be passed today. I may have to go away for some other work. It should be passed today.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : .MI right. Please sit down. Before Mr. Mishra starts his speech, I would request him to limit his observations to ten minutes because we have got a large number of Members who would like to ask clarifications or put questions to the Minister. Therefore, if you want this Half-an-hour discussion to be really finished within half an hour. I will request the hon'ble Member to take only ten minutes.

SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY
(Andhra Pradesh) : It is 5-in.

SHRI EOKANATH MISRA (Orissa. : I(is 5-20. Now I start. Sir, the question of Shrimati Aturuna Asaf Ali's tax a near has been taken up in both the Houses of Parliament for the la^i six months or so. In both the Houses the Government does not wani to pari with information which is inconvenient to them. All the time we have been told that she had an investment of about Rs. -7-18 lakhs io the Raisina Publications and some oioher publications without being intimated as to which was the source of thi-- huge amount for investment Ye-terday. Sir. vcu would have kindly noticed that there was some i tternpt here that the question may ni t be taken up for oral answers. Li is very good of you, Sir, to have allowed me tc tike this matter up 'n the shape of a half-an-hour discussion today.

Yesterday there was a statemedt laid on the Table of the House which said that Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali had made a donation of Rs. 13,98,000 to one Foundation, called Dr. A. V. Baliga Foundation. The total wealth in possession of Mrs. Aruna Asab Ali is not known. Any socialist in this countrj is an iceberg ard more so Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali where the visible part is probably much less than the invisible one. And I would n il hav< come to krow, nor would the countiy have come to know, the assets of Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali, if we had not persistently ard insisently tried to dig into it. Ultimately, l> this digging she is completely exposed,