

RAJYA SABHA

Monday, the 11th August 1969/[^] 20th
Shravan, 1891 (Saka)

The house met at eleven of the clock
THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair

MEMBER SWORN Shri S.
Sivaprakasam (Pondicherry)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

•(■) WEST BENGAL'S PROPOSAL TO CENTRE REGARDING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

♦356. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the
Minister of LAW AND SOCIAL
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the West Bengal Govern-
ment have sent a proposal for amending
Article 329 of the Constitution of India
with a view to bringing the issue of Muni-
cipal elections within the purview of that
Article; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Central
Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF LAW AND IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE
(SHRI MOHAMMED YUNUS
SALEEM) : (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: May I know
whether it is a fact that the election results
of four Municipalities in West Bengal and
some wards of some Municipalities could
not be published because of a certain
injunction given by the High Court of
Calcutta and these cannot be announced
unless measures are taken to include the
municipal elections under article 329 of
the Constitution? What steps do the
Government propose to take under these
peculiar circumstances?

SHRI MOHAMMED YUNUS
SALEEM : The elections to the munici-
pality and the Municipal Corporation are
conducted under State supervision. The
Election Commission has nothing to do
with the conduct of such elections. If any
such petition has been filed in the High
Court and any High Court, according

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to the learned Member, has passed any
erroneous orders, the remedy is open to get
such orders corrected. It is not for the
election Commission to interfere in such
matters.

SHRI CHITTA BASU : The remedy is to
amend article 329 of the Constitution. May I
know whether the Government proposes to
amend the Constitution to bring in
municipal elections under the purview of
that article?

SHRI MOHAMMED YUNUS
SALEEM : There is no such proposal.

DEVELOPMENT OF BACKWARD AREAS IN MADHYA PRADESH

*44i. SARDAR D. K. JADHAV : Will
the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-
MENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COM-
PANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of development of the
backward areas in Madhya Pradesh un-
dertaken by the Government of India during
the Third Five Year Plan period, the action
taken by Government for the establishment
of public sector industries in these areas and
the licences issued during this period for
establishing industrial undertakings there on
priority basis; and

(b) what are the details of the schemes
for further developing such areas during the
Fourth Five Year Plan period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-
MENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND
COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI BHANU
PRAKASH SINGH : (a) The Planning
Commission have emphasised upon all State
Governments, the need for building up
infra-structure facilities and for
conservation and development of natural
resources of the areas adjudged to be
backward within a state, with the object of
reducing disparities. Large scale industries,
specially basic and heavy industries,
frequently serve as a spearhead of intensive
and broad based development. Accordingly
the Third Plan proposed an outlay of Rs.76
crores on State-owned power schemes in
Madhya Pradesh. Similarly the undermen-
tioned public sector projects have been set
up in Madhya Pradesh during the first three
five year plans:

1. Bhilai steel plant, Bhilai.
2. Heavy Electricals, Bhopal.
3. Nepa Paper Mills, Nepan- — vr.
4. Security Paper Mills, Hoshangabad