

RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, the 19th March, 1969|the
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The House met at eleven of the
Clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

TELEPRINTER SERVICE FOR DELHI POLICE

*549. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the
Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the
Delhi Police is to be equipped with
teleprinter service in order to im-
prove its communications service; and

(b) if so, what are the details of
the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA):

(a) A scheme to provide teleprinter
links for the Delhi Police is under
consideration.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table
of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

The proposal to provide teleprinter
links in the Delhi Police, which is
under consideration, is as follows:—

(1) Between the Office of the
Inspector General of Police at Kash-
meri Gate and Tis Hazari Court build-
ing where the offices of the Superin-
tendent of Police North, Central,
Special Branch and Crime Branch res-
pectively are located.

(2) Between the office of the In-
spector General of Police and the
Central Control Room at Alipur
Road.

(3) Between the Radio Station
office of the Delhi Police at Tis Ha-
zari Court building and Rail Bhawan
where the office of the Directorate of
Coordination (Police Wireless) is lo-
cated.

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SHRI A. D. MANI: Sir, may I ask
a general question first why the Delhi
Administration is wasting this money
on teleprinter when it is well known
that the Delhi Police is inefficient and
has not been in a position to detect
various crimes? There have been two
robberies in the house of Mr. Dahya-
bhai Patel, and after the First Infor-
mation Report action was taken only
the day before yesterday. Why should
Government waste money on the te-
leprinter service proposed to be pro-
vided to the Delhi police and how
does it think that such a service will
improve the efficiency of the Delhi
police administration?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA:
Sir, it is not correct for any hon.
Member to make sweeping allegations.
We know there are deficiencies in
the Delhi police and I am not here to
defend those deficiencies. We are only
trying to improve those deficiencies
and are trying to make available to
them some more facilities for those
deficiencies to be removed, and the
provision of a teleprinter service is
because we want to remove those de-
ficiencies; if there is a quick method
of exchanging information and pro-
viding information it will mean that
the policemen will have better effi-
ciency and they will be able to serve
the people better. Now is it the case
of the hon. Member that since they
have not been able to give a better
account of themselves, whatever faci-
lities they have, they should be re-
moved and that no further facilities
should be provided to them?

SHRI A. D. MANI: The hon. Minis-
ter is running round my question. I
raised in a pointed way the robbe-
ries that had taken place in the house
of Mr. Dahyabhai Patel, who is an
hon. Member of this House, and said
that the police have not been able to
detect the persons guilty of those
robberies, and even after the F.I.R.
was lodged the police took a long time
to take preventive action. Can the
Minister throw some light on the
action taken in regard to the robbe-

ries that took place in the house of Mr. Dahyabhai Patel?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: Sir, we are extremely sorry that thefts should have taken place in the residence of the hon. Leader of the Swatantra Party in this House.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: I am not the only victim. My colleague, Mr. Mulka Govinda Reddy, is also a victim. There is no trace of the culprits in his case also.

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: This is a serious matter and it is not a question . . .

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: The thieves do not come to us because we are communists.

SHRI ABID ALI: It is because they keep themselves and their things underground.

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: The hon. Member may have his own complex about this matter, but as far as the police are concerned and as far as the thefts are concerned, thieves make no distinction between a Swatantra Party member and a Communist Party member. (*Interruptions*) I can assure the hon. Member, Mr. Mani, that we will do our best to see that, whenever such things happen, very quick and efficient investigation is carried on so that such things are not repeated.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: I think Mr. Mani did not pointedly put his question and therefore he allowed the Minister to get away. The pointed question is whether, instead of spending the money on the teleprinter, it would not be advisable to spend that money on the flying squad, which is found inefficient now in its activities. Now Mr. Dahayabhai Patel gave a telephone message to the emergency flying squad. It is expected to turn up within ten minutes of the call received. But is it a fact that it took

forty-five minutes for it to reach the spot? By the time the thief would have probably gone beyond the river Jumna. And there have been many thefts like this. There have been many thefts in South Avenue and North Avenue. Mr. Bhupesh Gupta may not be a victim of the thefts but there have been many thefts in North Avenue flats and South Avenue flats also. The point is what effective measures are being taken by this Government to prevent such thefts that occur in the locality where Members of Parliament live, and elsewhere also?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: Sir, as I said earlier, I am very sorry that such thefts should have taken place, but I am not aware of this particular matter which the hon. Member has mentioned that the flying squad took so much time to reach the spot, to reach Mr. Dahyabhai Patel's house. I shall surely look into that. But as far as the question of general arrangement is concerned, hon. Members are aware that recently we have put police *chowkis* in North Avenue and South Avenue for intensive patrol; about the general arrangements which have been made to tone up the police administration in the capital, we have several times answered questions here and laid various informations on the Table of the House, and I can assure hon. Members that we are constantly vigilant about safety and security, and we are trying to improve the efficiency of the Delhi police. I am not saying that they have yet achieved the desired peak of efficiency but their performance is definitely improving, and I am quite sure, Sir, that, God willing, it will improve further.

سردار نریندر سنگھ نوار : میں ایک
سجھاو دینا چاہتا ہوں کہ جس طرح
سے یہ نائٹ پٹرول یا پٹرولنگ ہوتی
ہے اس میں پولیس کے سپاہی یا
آفیسر ورفی پہن کر ظاہر طور پر
نہ جائیں - پولیس آفیسر پٹرول

करने जाँहों तो अस तेहंग से जाँहों
 के कोणी अं को पेहजान ने
 सके - केहों के जेहाँ अहों ने
 पोलिस को रूदी में दीकहा वे जेहरीयों
 में अदर अदर चेप जाते हैं
 अस लै में एरुष करुंगा अप अस
 तेहंग से पेट्रोल बेहजों जस से
 वे पेहजाने ने जा सकें सदे रूदी
 में जाँहें -

†[सरदार नरेवर सिंह बार : मैं आपको
 सुझाव देना चाहता हूँ कि जिस तरह से ये
 नाइट पेट्रोलिंग होता है इसमें पुलिस के
 सिपाही या अफसर वर्दी पहन कर जाहिरा
 तौर पर न जायें। पुलिस अफसर पेट्रोल
 करने जाये तो इस ढंग से जाये कि कोई
 इनको पहचान न सके। क्योंकि जहाँ उन्होंने
 पुलिस को वर्दी में देखा वे झोंपड़ियों में इधर
 उधर छिप जाते हैं। इसलिए मैं अर्ज करूंगा
 कि आप इस ढंग से पेट्रोल भेजें जिसमें वे
 पहचाने न जा सकें। सादा वर्दी में जायें।]

श्री विद्या चरण शुक्ल : माननीय
 सदस्य ने जो बात कही उस पर ध्यान रखा
 जायेगा।

SHRI G. A. APPAN: May I know,
 Sir, from the hon. Minister whether
 they have a dog squad here and, if so,
 the strength of the dog squad? In view
 of the tremendous and best service
 that the dog squad is giving in Mad-
 ras will the Government be pleased
 to intensify and develop these dog
 squads in all important towns and
 cities of India?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA:
 Sir, as far as Delhi is concerned, we
 do have a dog squad and we are
 taking steps to further improve it.

श्री नेकी राम : मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ कि
 हम मेम्बर ऑफ पार्लियामेंट में क्या कोई
 ऐसा भी मेम्बर है जिसके चोरी नहीं हुई
 हो।

†[] Hindi transliteration.

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY:
 Sir, I would like to know from the
 Minister how many cases of thefts
 have taken place in the houses of
 M.Ps. in North Avenue, South Avenue
 and Ashok Road? Only recently, last
 month, another theft took place, in
 the house of Mr. Lakhappa in South
 Avenue for a second time. I myself
 had complained to the Minister of
 State that a theft had taken place in
 my house—No. 34 Ashok Road. In
 February, 1967, he wrote to me saying
 that the matter was being investigat-
 ed. I have had no second letter from
 him. I do not know what steps he is
 taking to see that these things are pre-
 vented. Whether the police themselves
 are acquiescing in the matter, I do
 not know, but what steps is he going
 to take to see that such things do not
 happen again?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA:
 Sir, this is a question relating to the
 provision of a teleprinter link with
 various offices of the Delhi police. As
 far as this particular question of the
 hon. Member is concerned, I would
 collect the information and send it to
 the hon. Member.

SHRI A. D. MANI: After how long?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA:
 But as far as the general question is
 concerned, I have already indicated
 we are taking steps to improve the
 efficiency of the Delhi police.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir,
 reference was made to the theft, bur-
 glary or whatever it is, in the house
 of our esteemed friend, Mr. Dahya-
 bhai Patel. May we know the amount
 or value of the stolen property? We
 get some report that jewellery worth
 Rs. 10,000 had been stolen. Fortu-
 nately, jewellery worth Rs. one lakh
 had not been stolen from there. All
 the same I sympathise with him.
 Therefore we would like to know
 whether in the First Information Re-
 port or whatever information had
 been given . . .

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: The hon. Minister will have no information on this.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I do not know and I want to know. I shall be very happy if nothing had been stolen from his house although it is a fact that thieves have a preference for the Swatantra Party. It is a fact and I concede that.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: He won't be able to give you any information. I shall give you.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I know. Sir, if a thief comes to my house to steal he will not have even his cost of production realised. The highest theft in my house that has taken place is perhaps Rs. 100. Beyond that there will be nothing. But here it is a different matter.

SHRI PITAMBER DAS: Thieves also make allowance for their co-professionals.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: They will turn to the Jana Sangh now.

Sir, I would like to know all the facts, the amount stolen and so on. But I see that thieves have a sense of humour. There is a saying in Bengali: 'Mari to gandar, Luti to bhandar'. You kill the rhinoceros and plunder the treasury; it is something like that.

श्री नेकी राम : मैं श्री भूपेश गुप्त से यह पूछना चाहता . .

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: You don't interrupt. Thieves will never enter your house because the bulk is so big. (*Interruptions*) Sir, he is in no danger of being burgled because there is no thief born who would not be frightened of the size.

May I know, in view of the frequent thefts that are taking place, why the Government is not making better arrangements through flying squads and other things? Besides, how

is it that undue importance is attached to burglaries of the houses of VIPs even though they are not material VIPs at all? You know MPs are supposed to be VIPs.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: No, no; we are not.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Sir, Mr. Patel is wanting to make a statement.

SHRI K. S. CHAVDA: He has taken five minutes, Sir.

SHRI R. G. KULKARNI: Sir, you have ruled that the leader should take the minimum time.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: My point is, why poorer localities are not being properly looked after.

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: I have already answered that question.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Sir, I have been very fortunate. I have been staying in this house for 7 years and there has been no burglary. Some newspaper said that there has been a burglary seven months back. It is utterly untrue. The first burglary was about 3 or 4 weeks ago when somebody entered the house by scaling the wall and took away some utensils by the back door. We keep the back door now closed. And this thief also presumably entered the same way because the marks were visible there. I wrote to the police as well as to the Minister in charge of Housing—I think it was Mr. K. K. Shah who was dealing with it—and pointed out that this wall was so low that anybody could scale it and asked him to take some protective measures. I do not know what happened; the papers must have been going round. Some engineers came to see and this morning they are putting barbed wire at the place through where the thief must have got in.

As far as the newspaper report about one lakh of rupees is concerned, I do not think the total value of everything in my house is one lakh of rupees. My wife's ornaments worth Rs. 7,000 to Rs. 8,000 were stolen. Her brother who had come here had some ornaments which he had brought to take to Jaipur for repair or remaking. The total value of everything stolen is Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 17,000. There are no stones or other things worth a lakh of rupees in my house. It is true that the thief having got so much perhaps did not look elsewhere. If he had he might have got a few hundred rupees more in the purse or somewhere. There is no other thing in my house worth a lakh of rupees. The total of even all the things may not be worth so much.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AMRITSAR

*550. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of police officials and constables who were deputed to cover the Prime Minister's first four-hour visit to Amritsar during the month of January last;

(b) the district from which the police force was drawn and in what strength; and

(c) what was the total expenditure involved in the visit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA):

(a) and (b) The Government of Punjab have reported that 108 police officers and men, drawn from Amritsar District, were detailed for duty in connection with the security of the Prime Minister.

(c) The expenditure incurred on the above force was approximately Rs. 2150.00.

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: There are reports that the Governor of Bihar has billed the Congress Committee to the extent of something like. . .

AN HON. MEMBER: This is about Amritsar.

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: Have a little patience. If I do not talk about Amritsar or about Punjab then you have reason to object.

Sir, there are reports that the Governor of Bihar has billed the Congress Committee to the extent of Rs. 12 to Rs. 13 lakhs.

MR. CHAIRMAN: How does the Bihar question arise here?

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Why not? It is part of the policy of Government to plunder the exchequer for holding their election meetings.

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: I want to know, if it is a fact, whether the Governor of Punjab also has similarly billed the Punjab Congress Committee for the expenses incurred in connection with the election tour of the Prime Minister and other Ministers from here. If the Governor of Punjab has done it, what is the amount so billed and if not why is it that he has not done his duty when his counterpart in Bihar has done so?

Secondly, may I know if it has come to the notice of the Government that the officials of the Government were employed for various purposes? They were deputed not only to provide security arrangements but to fix wooden planks, to erect stages and to provide all other facilities which are necessary for providing a colourful sort of welcome to a high dignitary. If these things have been done by any Government official it would make that particular election invalid. Has any complaint of this type been received by the Central Government and if so what action has been taken and what is being done about it?