

श्री के० सी० पन्त : स्यायी तौर पर  
उनको नहीं रहना चाहिए, नति का बात  
तो साफ है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Banka  
Behary Das.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Sir . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: I cannot allow  
a number of people to put questions.  
I must get on with my business and  
time is running out.

SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS: The  
public sector undertakings are behav-  
ing like big Zamindars and Maharajas.  
They want to have their guest houses  
in different places and I know that  
some of these public sector undertak-  
ings are having guest houses in New  
Delhi, Madras, Bombay and Calcutta.  
Though the Estimates Committee has  
already recommended against the  
maintenance of such guest houses  
four years back, may I know from the  
Minister why some of these public  
sector undertakings have taken guest  
houses on rent from private persons?  
Is it possible for the Finance Minister  
immediately to advise those public  
sector undertakings not to have guest  
houses on rent, but utilise other guest  
houses for the time being, as long as  
the 'pool' system is not brought into  
existence?

SHRI K. C. PANT: We have called  
for this particular piece of informa-  
tion also, as to which of them are  
renting guest houses. The Finance  
Ministry has not shirked anything. I  
have already indicated how we have  
requested the various public sector  
undertakings to take certain steps. It  
should also be appreciated that we  
should not arrive at any conclusion  
before the information comes in. Sup-  
pose any public sector undertaking  
requires a guest house and suppose  
it occupies the guest house for 25 days  
out of 30 days, it depends on the occu-  
pancy rate, etc. It is quite possible  
that because of the heavy work that  
they have to do in Delhi some of the  
public sector undertakings may need  
guest houses.

SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS: The  
Committee's Report is against it.

SHRI K. C. PANT: It would be  
premature to come to such a decision  
with regard to each and every public  
enterprise, but the broad policy that  
we are following I have already in-  
dicated.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNED BY TARUN  
PRESS OF CALCUTTA

\*186. SHRI A. P. CHATTERJEE:†  
SHRI ARJUN ARORA:  
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tarun Press of  
Calcutta has earned any foreign ex-  
change during the last 5 years; and

(b) if so, the amount thereof and  
the countries from which it was earn-  
ed?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER  
AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI  
MORARJI R. DESAI): (a) Exchange  
Control records, which show itemized  
information only for amounts in ex-  
cess of Rs. 10,000, do not disclose any  
foreign exchange earnings by the  
Tarun Press of Calcutta.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I  
know if the Minister is aware of the  
fact that this agency is engaged in  
propaganda on behalf of certain  
organisations and agencies in West  
Germany and West Berlin? The  
fact that they even distribute litera-  
ture printed in West Berlin has also  
been brought to the notice of the  
Government in the past. May I  
know if the Government will care to  
enquire whether they are doing this  
service to the West German and West  
Berlin agencies gratis or they are ac-  
cepting payment for that and if they

†The question was actually asked  
on the floor of the House by Shri  
A. P. Chatterjee.

are accepting payment, may I know whether payment, is made in India in a clandestine manner or in foreign exchange, which is deposited outside or brought to this country?

**SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI:** If any foreign exchange is received and deposited outside, without Government's knowledge, I can say nothing about it. Within Government's knowledge there is nothing deposited. Within Government's knowledge, as I said, no foreign exchange has come. They are distributing news and features to about six newspapers. I do not know whether they come only from West Germany or from other countries also. I do not know all that, because I have not made such detailed enquiries about these matters. No payment has come from outside, at any rate no substantial payment has come. That is all that I can say.

**SHRI CHITTA BASU:** In view of the information given by Mr. Arora, will the hon. Minister hold an enquiry?

**SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI:** I cannot hold enquiries against every news agency. News agencies are from many countries.

**SHRI CHITTA BASU:** His information is that the particular press published a booklet saying something anti-national and they received money from a foreign country. In view of this very important information given in this House, will the hon. Minister please see that a proper enquiry is made into the matter?

**SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI:** If the hon. Member shows to me what he thinks is being done, I shall certainly look into it.

**श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** मैं माननीय मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि अभी आपने छः प्रेस का रेफरेंस किया कि छः प्रेस के साथ इसने कार्यवाही की है, तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि वह छः प्रेस कौन हैं और कितने ऐसे प्रेस हैं जो विदेशी मुद्रा इस ढंग से, जैसा कि कहा गया है, कमाते हैं।

**श्री मोरारजी आर० देसाई :** छः प्रेसों ने ऐसी कार्यवाही की है, ऐसा मैंने नहीं कहा, मैंने यही कहा कि छः प्रेस को यह न्यूज़ सप्लाय करते हैं, यह तथ्य एजेंसी। ये हैं : डेली जागरण, डेली राजहंस, व्रभात, जनरल एक्सप्रेस, मध्य भारत एक्सप्रेस और यंग लीडर।

**श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** हमारा दूसरा प्रश्न भी उसके साथ था।

(No reply.)

#### DELAYING OF PUBLIC SECTOR PROJECTS

187. **SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:**  
**SHRI M. M. DHARIA:**  
**SHRI G. R. PATIL:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to go ahead with any more public sector projects in view of the poor performance of some public sector units; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the projects that will be delayed as a result of this decision?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. C. PANT):** (a) and (b) It is not possible to generalise on the question of performance of Public Enterprises. While the performance of some has been satisfactory, that of others has not been so. New projects in the public sector are undertaken after proper examination is made of likely demand, existing capacity in public and private sectors, etc.; procedures have also been laid down for the preparation and scrutiny of feasibility studies/detailed project reports, etc.

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