

Post Master or to any other member of the staff.

श्री सय्यद अहमद : मैं आप से एक बात पूछना चाहता था कि क्या आपके नोटिस में ऐसे कई केसेज आए हैं जिन में कि पोस्ट आफिस के कर्मचारियों को जब मालूम हुआ कि डिमोनिटर्स पाकिस्तान चले गए हैं या मर गए हैं, तो उन्होंने खुद फ्राडुलेंट तरीके से रुपया बिदड़ा कर लिया ।

SHRI B. BHAGAVATI: Fraudulent cases there may be; that is an altogether different matter. The accounts of those depositors who did not continue transactions are treated as silent accounts and that money is transferred to the Posts and Telegraph Deposits under the major head "Other Deposits" in the section "Deposits and Advances, etc.". And that money nobody can take. If there is any fraudulent case, we will enquire into it.

SHRI SYED AHMAD: Will the Minister enquire into half a dozen such cases which took place in the Hoshangabad Post Office?

SHRI B. BHAGAVATI: We shall enquire into them.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I would like to know if these questions were put by Kumari Shanta Vasisht. Members, whenever they put their questions, are supposed to be in their seats. Otherwise, the Reporters will feel difficulty.

SHRI SYED AHMAD: I am not going to put another question from this seat, Sir.

TELEVISION SETS

*594. { SHRI MULKA GOVINDA
REDDY:†
SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Mulka Govinda Reddy.

(a) what arrangements Government have made to import television sets; and from which countries these would be imported;

(b) the basis on which and the time by when these would be made available for the public; and

(c) the price of one such television set?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN): (a) Two thousand television sets are being imported from Hungary. Steps are also being taken to import two thousand sets from Czechoslovakia and one thousand from the U.S.S.R.

(b) When the sets arrive in India, the State Trading Corporation will issue a public notice in the Press inviting applications for allotment of the sets. These applications will be registered and the sale of the sets will be made on the basis of these registrations. A certain number of sets will be reserved for schools, hospitals, clubs, social and cultural organisations etc.

According to present indications, some sets may be put on sale by the beginning of November, 1965.

(c) The price will depend upon factors such as the size, make and model, the country of origin and the import duties required to be paid on them. As I have already indicated on a former occasion, it may range from about Rs. 900 to Rs 1,500.

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY: When are they expected to arrive in India?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: I have got the time-table, Sir. Ten thousand sets are expected before the 31st December, 1965. Two thousand of these will be of 16" and 19" and the rest 8,000 will be of 23". They are to be imported from USSR, Czechoslovakia, Poland or the U.A.R.

whichever offers the best sets. There are also some sets—I must point out—which are imported by a person from Hungary—one thousand sets—which I have not included.

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY: What is the demand for TV sets in Delhi? Will this cope with the demand?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: I could not give the figure for Delhi but I expect that Delhi, Madras, Bombay, Calcutta and Kanpur put together, it will be about one lakh sets to start with.

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether the State of Jammu and Kashmir has made any representation to the Centre asking them to open one TV broadcasting station at Srinagar, and whether the Government has considered this proposal?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: I am not aware of this. I will make enquiries.

SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: May I know the total cost of all these sets?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: It will vary between Rs. 900 and Rs. 1,500. Just now I gave the figure.

SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: What is the total cost of the sets that you are importing?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: It is mathematics. I have to work it out. As I have already said, it will depend upon the import duties. The CIF will be something like Rs. 400 to Rs. 500 from the rupee countries and duties will be added. I can work that out and give the figure.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: May I know whether it is not a fact that the West German Government have also offered TV sets and whether the prices and the terms quoted by them are favourable or not? If they are

favourable, why was not the West German Government offer considered at all?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: The question is simple. He refers to a hard currency area. If it is a rupee area wherefrom you get rupee credit, it is easier but about the hard currency area it is a different matter. I can give the details. So far as I am concerned, I am not aware of the West German offer.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Sir, Government have accepted television as a mass medium of communication in the country. May I ask the Minister whether he has contacted the Ministry of Commerce to find out whether any collaboration arrangement may be arrived at with a foreign country for the manufacture of television sets in the country; if so, what has been the reaction of that Ministry?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: Sir, the Minister has already pointed out in Pilani that we have got an indigenous unit which is expected to manufacture 800 sets this year. It will go to a thousand sets per year later on. The Ministry of Commerce would be free to invite collaboration for the manufacture of these sets in India.

SHRIMATI LALITHA RAJAGOPALAN: May I know, Sir, how much foreign exchange is involved in this and whether it is advisable to go on with this programme during this Emergency?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: There is no foreign exchange involved. So far as these countries are concerned, they are Rupee areas. I just now gave the details. There is no foreign exchange for Hungary, Poland U.S.S.R.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: In answer to the previous question, I wish to add that there is a Committee of Experts under the chairmanship of

Dr. Bhagwantam, which is going into the question of the manufacture of TV sets.

SHRIMATI TARA RAMACHANDRA SATHE: May I know, Sir, whether it is not necessary to give priority to radio sets to be provided in the remotest parts of the country rather than have television sets only in big cities like Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, etc., when there is an emergency?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: It is just when there is an emergency that there is greater need to educate people in the big cities which are attracting bombing and shelling and so on. We feel that it is time to have TV sets there at this juncture. Besides, the Radio sets and the TV sets do not conflict in any way.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी बोरझिया : क्या श्रीमान यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि यह जो स्टेट ट्रेडिंग कॉर्पोरेशन के माध्यम से इनका विक्रय होने वाला है तो स्टेट ट्रेडिंग कॉर्पोरेशन कितना मार्जिन अपने लिए रखने वाला है इसका कुछ निर्णय हुआ है ।

श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी : मुझे यह नहीं मालूम ।

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: May I know, Sir, whether the Ministry considers it advisable to import TV sets at a time when the country is in a state of war, I mean sets beyond those which have already been ordered?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: If I may say so, some of the programmes which are now shown about Kashmir operations are not only very interesting but they are informative and educative. As the Minister pointed out, it is a question of point of view. But the priorities are there.

श्री एन० श्री राम रेड्डी : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदया कृपा कर के बता सकती हैं

कि पार्लियामेंट के मेम्बरों को इस बारे में प्रायरिटी दे सकती हैं ।

श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी : सेंट मिलने की किस को प्रायरिटी हो वह तो मान्य सदस्य स्वयं सोच सकते हैं ; पार्लियामेंट मेम्बर की जरूरत ज्यादा है या खास कर के उस जनता की जो झुगियों में और बस्तियों में रहती है ।

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY: In view of the fact that Kashmir is of strategic importance and in view of the fact that there is need to educate these people, will the Government consider the question of giving priority to certain areas in Kashmir in establishing a television broadcasting system?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: We shall certainly consider it. But at the present moment, it is not easy.

SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: May I know, Sir, whether the masses have been reached by these television sets or only a few educated people have been contacted?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: I have given the number of institutions, clubs, etc. I have given all of them. I gave the information as a part of my answer. I gave the institutions. Institutional priorities come before individual priorities.

شری عبدالغنی : وزیر صاحب نے خود

فرمایا ہے کہ چونکہ ویسٹون جرنلہ سے جو آنا تھا وہ ہارڈ کورس ایریا تھا اس لئے ہم نے درپہ ایریا سے ملکہوایا ہے - تو کیا سرکار کے پاس ایسا کوئی انتظام نہیں کہ اگر ان کے ٹرمس بہت زیادہ فیر ہوں تو وہ کسی فرم کے

ایجنٹ کے ذریعہ روپی لایا ہے
 منٹائیں وہاں وہ مال آئے اور وہاں سے
 یہاں آ جائے کیوں کہ اگر پرائیویٹ
 پارٹیاں ایسا کر سکتی ہیں تو سرکار
 ایسا کرنے میں کیوں جھجک
 محسوس کرتی ہے ؟

†[**श्री अब्दुल हनी :** वजीर साहब ने खुद फरमाया है कि चूंकि वेस्टर्न जर्मनी से जो आता था वह हार्ड करेंसी एरिया था इसलिए हम ने रूपी एरिया से मंगवाया है तो क्या सरकार के पास ऐसा कोई इन्तजाम नहीं कि अगर इन के टर्म्स बहुत ज्यादा फेयर हों तो वह किसी फर्म के एजेंट के जरिए रूपी एरिया से मंगवाएं ? वहां वह माल आए और वहां से यहां आ जाए क्योंकि अगर प्राइवेट पार्टियां ऐसा कर सकती हैं तो सरकार ऐसा करने में क्यों शिक्षक महसूस करती है ?]

श्री अर्जुन अरोड़ा : लोग चोरी करते, है ।

شری عبدالغنی : چوری نہیں کرتے، آپ اجازت دیجئے میں - وہ منگاتے تو کورنڈم کی اجازت سے ہیں -

†[**श्री अब्दुल हनी :** चोरी नहीं करते आप इजाजत देते हैं। वे मंगते तो गवर्नमेंट की ज से हैं ।]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, order. No dialogue.

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: I actually ventured to give the name of the party. It has been so unsatisfactory that we are now contemplating action against the person concerned.

†[] Hindi transliteration.

SHRI BIREN ROY: May I know, Sir, whether the Government has any knowledge that a non-resident Indian has got here one thousand television sets which he brought. The Government can requisition these sets and then sell them and give him compensation.

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: I think the hon. Member is referring to Mr. Gandhi's import. Only one person was there. So far as Mr. Gandhi is concerned, a thousand sets have been imported against the import licence given to him on the 8th February, 1965 by the Chief Controller of Imports. He did not agree to the price fixed or approved by the C.C.I. with regard to the distribution arrangements. He is not agreeable. So we are taking action.

SHRI BIREN ROY: Why can these sets not be requisitioned under the D.I.R. and then distributed? I do not understand the Government failing to settle it.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: We are considering action, Sir.

*595. [The questioner (Shri Lildhar Baroodh) was absent. For answer, vide col. 3905 infra.]

*596. [The questioner (Shri Ram Singh) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 3905-3906 infra.]

SECRETARIES COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

*597. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee of Secretaries set up to scrutinise the magazines, periodicals and other publications of the various Ministries of the Government of India has completed its work and submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are its main recommendations; and

(c) how it is proposed to implement these recommendations?