

SHRI A. D. MANI: It comes under (b).

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: The moment I mentioned film stars, why do you get so much agitated? Now, sir, the position is this. In that case, in view of the fact that even according to the Government there is a lot of unaccounted money held in currency and other properties, why is the Government not carrying out. . .

(Interruptions)

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI: It is not a relevant question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I cannot come to a conclusion because I have not heard the sentence fully. I do not know what he is saying.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Neither did he know, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I do not know what he is saying. When he has finished. . .

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: But they will not allow me because it is unaccounted money after all. What I say is this. This question is in regard to assessment and unless the assessment is properly made you cannot get the money. I want to know from the Government-in-view of the fact that much of the income at the higher income brackets goes unassessed, what steps are the Government taking in order to recover it? (Interruptions) Is this not also a related question?

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is a question following on which you can very pertinently put this question.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Then—it is a related question—is the hon. Minister aware of a case in Hyderabad in which serious allegations have been made against the Principal Financial Adviser to the Nizam of Hyderabad that he had not been assessed for a number of years, that complaints have been made to the proper authorities that no steps are being taken and that the gentleman

is now standing trial under section 420 or something like that?

MR. CHAIRMAN: You want to know if this is one of the related cases?

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: He need not give the name because you may not like it but it is Mr. Taraporewalla, if you like it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is about the number of cases. You want to know if this case is included.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: If it includes that big case, will he kindly tell us?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: I will require notice, Sir, to answer that question.

SHRI K. K. SHAH: Will the Finance Minister tell us the average number of cases where those taxes have been overcharged or charged less and whether they are more than the previous year?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: The total picture is not before me. So, I am not able to pass any judgment on comparative statistics.

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श्री पी० ब्रह्माहम :
श्री जेठालाल हरिकृष्ण जोशी :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश में छिपे हुए धन की मात्रा का कोई प्राक्कलन तैयार किया है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो सरकार इस समस्या को कैसे हल करने का विचार रखती है ?

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri N. Sri Rama Reddy.

†[UNACCOUNTED MONEY

{ SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: ‡
 *215. { SHRI P. ABRAHAM:
 { SHRI J. H. JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any estimate of the quantum of unaccounted money in the country has been made by Government; and

(b) if so, how Government propose to deal with this problem?]

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) and (b) While the question of unaccounted money has engaged the attention of Government, there has been no precise assessment of the quantum of such money. This is a matter in which it is desirable for Government to be cautious in giving expression to its ideas if its actions are to succeed.

§[वित्त मन्त्री (श्री टी. टी. कृष्णमाचारी):

(क) और (ख) छिपाये हुए धन के सवाल पर सरकार ने ध्यान तो दिया है किन्तु ऐसे धन की मात्रा का ठीक ठीक निर्धारण करने के लिए कोई जाच नहीं की गयी। यह ऐसा मामला है जिस में यदि सरकारी कार्यवाहियों को सफल बनाना है, तो सरकार के लिए यही उचित है कि वह अपने 'वचार प्रकट करने में सावधानी में काम ले।]

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY Sir, part (b) of the question has not been answered.

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: I said, this is a matter in which it is desirable for Government to be cautious in giving expression to its ideas if its actions are to succeed.

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§[] Hindi translation.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Sir, I would like to know the results of the efforts so far made by either the Income-tax Department or the other Departments—the Directorate working under the Finance Ministry. How much of black money has—so far been unearthed?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: Sir, certain raids were conducted not by the Income-tax people but by the other agencies of the Finance Ministry. What exactly would be the amount that would be realised by way of taxes out of these searches is a matter which is still not determined.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: The other day in Bombay, the Department concerned carried out an extensive search . . .

AN HON. MEMBER. Not extensive

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Extensive so far as the film stars were concerned. I would like to know out of the money that has been found, how much was black money and how much was white money?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: The adjudication in regard to this matter is still in progress and it will take some time before any answer could be given.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: Sir, raids were organised in certain film studios in Bombay. May I know, Sir, why simultaneous raids were not organised in Madras, Calcutta and other big centres also?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: Sir, I can assure the hon. Members that it is not because of any partiality for the places he has mentioned but because no precise information has apparently been available for the department.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir, I am coming to the old question again. We can well understand the Government's

fascination for raiding the film stars' houses, particularly in order to get money. I do not blame them, though we would not like to go to these houses.

AN HON. MEMBER: Grounds?

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Whatever the grounds. Now, Mr. Chairman, when it has been found out from these raids that these film stars, who are not big multimillionaires, were holding so much money—unaccounted sum—in their bathrooms and so on, I would like to know why the Government did not act on the presumption that big industrial and financial families of big industrial houses in the country might also be holding similar unaccounted money, and Princes also might be holding such unaccounted money. May I know, Sir, why simultaneously with this adventure or venture, shall we say, in the homes of the film stars the Government did not carry out raids in the houses of the big business families and the Princes in the country in order to discover much larger sums, or was it meant to be a diversion only?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: For the mere reason, Sir, that the Government can never act on presumptions. We can only act on precise information.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Sir, this morning's papers have announced that the Finance Ministry has been successful in assessing Miss Mala Sinha to the extent of Rs. 16 lakhs out of the Rs. 18 lakhs seized from her house and the results of Miss Vaijayanti-mala's case are yet to be announced and the investigation is proceeding. May I ask the Finance Minister whether the Government are going to content themselves only with realising taxes or will proceed further and institute prosecutions against those film stars who have not submitted their income-tax returns?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: Sir, Government will never be contented in the matter of unearthing the money which has escaped assessment. So far as any information that appears in the press is concerned, I do not think it is authentic information put out by the Finance Ministry. I am, therefore, unable to comment on what has appeared in the papers.

SHRI P. L. KUREEL URF TALIB: Sir, the dangers of unaccounted money in a developing economic can be well imagined. In view of the large amount of unaccounted money in the country do the Government propose to set up some special machinery to unearth unaccounted money, or do they entirely depend on the Enforcement Department because there was some news in the papers that they have not got adequate staff? That is why only a few houses of film artistes were raided. Had the houses of all prominent film artistes been raided simultaneously, at least Rs. two to three crores of unaccounted money could have been unearthed.

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: It is a suggestion for action.

SHRI P. L. KUREEL URF TALIB: Sir, my question is not answered. whether the Government propose to set up any special machinery.

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: I take these valuable suggestions made by the hon. Member. We will see how far they could be applied in actual practice.

SHRI P. L. KUREEL URF TALIB: And whether the staff is inadequate? Sir, only half of my question has been answered.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You should be happy.

SHRI R. P. JAIN: Will the Finance Minister inform the House that searches made in Bombay of the film stars

were given wide publicity in all the papers? Do we take it that searches have not been made thereafter in Calcutta or Madras or other places?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: Film stars may be news from the point of view of the press and, therefore, they give publicity to it. I am not able to answer this question because I am not either the cause or the result of this news.

SHRI M. M. DHARIA: May I know, Sir, if it is a fact that there is Rs. 3,000 crores of unaccounted money in the country and whether the Finance Minister agrees with the views expressed by the hon. Minister of Food and Agriculture that it is because of unaccounted money that the prices have risen?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: So far as agreeing with my colleague the Food and Agriculture Minister, is concerned, I think, we the members of the Cabinet generally agree with any expression of opinion made by any member of the Cabinet. In regard to the earlier part of the question, whether it is a fact that there is Rs. 3,000 crores of unaccounted money, I am afraid within my comprehension it is not a fact.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: The hon. Minister said that in such matters he would act not on presumptions but on certain other things. Do I understand that the Government does not act on intelligent anticipation? If so, do I understand that there is no intelligent anticipation in the case of the King Kothi in Hyderabad, Birla houses, Sahu Jain houses and other houses so that they can be searched and it could be found out as to whether there is unaccounted money? Would I be wrong if I were to act on the basis of such intelligent anticipations? And sometimes he is too much intelligent . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: No compliments

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: It is our privilege to intelligently

anticipate money matters in this House. But the Government can only proceed on precise intelligence, not on intelligent anticipations. However, I am grateful to the hon. Member for what he has said. I am also appreciative of the fact that the House is taking deep interest in this matter. I can give the assurance that we will tap all the sources fully and no stone would be left unturned. But it is a long process. It is not possible for me or for the Government or for the offices of the Income-tax Department to deal with all the persons at the same time. The wheels of the Government grind but they grind slowly.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Why preference for film stars?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

संसद् सदस्यों और सरकारी कर्मचारियों के
अतिथियों की चिकित्सा

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(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार की स्वास्थ्य योजना के अन्तर्गत सरकारी कर्मचारियों और ममद-मदस्यों के अतिथियों और अन्य रिश्तेदारों (जो केन्द्रीय सरकार की स्वास्थ्य योजना के अन्तर्गत नहीं आते) की चिकित्सा के लिए कोई स्कीम बनाई गई है या बनाई जा रही है; और

(ख) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर 'हां' हो, तो नार्थ एवेन्यू और साउथ एवेन्यू की डिस्पेन्सरियों में कब तक इस स्कीम के लागू होने की सम्भावना है और यदि उत्तर 'न' में हो, तो क्या सरकार इस प्रकार की स्कीम बनाने का विचार रखती है ?