

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: How independent? Let him define this.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: It is against right reaction and big business.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: It is in favour of the left reaction.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: No, not at all. Don't talk such things. You know it very well.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Go ahead.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Save me from the Jan Sangh, Sir. May I know whether in the matter of granting certain facilities for such new newspapers the only consideration is its capital structure? Should not Government pursue in this matter certain policies in order to see that the paper comes out in order to break the monopoly which is condemned by the Press Commission and the Prime Minister and to see that independent opinion finds a channel ' of expression through the daily press?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gupta, Government have never said that they want to examine the capital structure. (Interruption). I am speaking. Government have never said that they want to examine the capital structure and so, what is the question?

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I want to disabuse the minds of these people who are trying . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: You put a question to the Government instead of trying to influence them.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I am also a man susceptible to confusion. The questions that are being put seem to make out that the capital structure is the main thing. I want to clear up certain things.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nobody has conceded that, Mr. Gupta.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I want to know whether the Prime Minister, before he gave the message, did go into the fact that this paper would not be belonging to the right reaction and big business. I assume that the Prime Minister would otherwise not have sent that message. He is here and he can explain it.

(No reply)

SHRI A. M. TARIQ: May I know.
Sir . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Certainly, you may not.

SHRI A. M. TARIQ: I want to ask . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question. I do not think any further useful information can be gathered now after all these questions and answers.

WIRE BROADCASTING SERVICE IN LODI COLONY ETC.

*32. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Wire Broadcasting Service launched in Lodi Colony, Sewa Nagar and AH Ganj in Delhi has been a success;

(b) when and how many times full particulars were collected from each resident of Sarojini Nagar etc. where similar service is proposed to be launched;

(c) whether the service has been launched in Sarojini Nagar etc.; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor and by when the service will be launched there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SHAM NATH) : (a) The number of subscribers may

be regarded as satisfactory. But if all items of cost are taken into account, the deficit is estimated at Rs. 26,500 per annum.

(b) On requests received from the residents of Kidwai Nagar and Andrews Ganj for extension of the service to their colonies, survey of the possible number of subscribers and the anticipated expenditure involved was made once in early 1962. There is no proposal to extend the scheme to any other area.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Owing to lack of funds and need for conserving funds for other priority schemes, the service cannot be extended to other localities in the near future.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालासजी चौरडिया :
श्रीमन्, यह बतलायेंगे कि कितने उपभोक्ता तैयार हो जायें और कितनी शासन की आमदनी हो जाये तब वहां आप एक्सटेंशन कर सकेंगे ?

श्री शाम नाथ : इस चीज के लिए हम ने सर्वे कराया था तो मालूम हुआ कि जितने लोग तैयार होने चाहियें उतने नहीं हैं । दूसरी चीज यह है कि . . .

श्री सभापति : वह यह पूछते हैं कि कितने लोग तैयार हो जायें तो काफी हो ।

Have you some standard?

SHRI SHAM NATH: There is no standard. It is largely a question of fund.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालासजी चौरडिया :
कोई आधार तो तय किया गया होगा कि इतनी आमदनी होने पर हम सर्विस दे सकते हैं । तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि वह आधार क्या है और जो सर्वे की गई है उसमें कितनी कमी है तथा कितनी संख्या पूरे होने पर वह कमी दूर हो सकती है ?

DR. B. GOPALA REDDI: The capital expenditure involved is great. The maintenance charges have also to be taken into account. Just now we do not have the funds and that is why we are not able to expand.

SHRI V. M. CHORDIA: I agree

MR. CHAIRMAN: He is not asking for that. He wants to know the standard that you have set for extending, how much income should be assured before you decide that expansion should take place. That is the point. I wonder if you can give that information.

DR. B. GOPALA REDDI: I think about 5,000 would be sufficient.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: What exactly is this thing, Sir?

DR. B. GOPALA REDDI: It is very cheap and useful for Class IV officers and so on. Instead of buying a radio and paying a license fee of fifteen rupees a year, you just pay two rupees per month and get the service. There is no need for electricity also.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: What precisely is this thing. So many of us are mystified.

DR. B. GOPALA REDDI: From a central place the broadcasts are diffused by wire. Switch on and you get the programme. There is no need for electricity and no radio is needed. It is only an extension and you pay only two rupees a month.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: May I know if all stations are receivable?

DR. B. GOPALA REDDI: Only two channels are provided.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालासजी चौरडिया :
क्या माननीय मंत्री जी बतलायेंगे कि अभी जहाँ सर्विस दे रहे हैं उस में शासन को

कितना खर्च करना पड़ता है, कितनी बचत होती है और मिलती त्रुटि कितनी होती है ?

श्री शामनाथ : उन लोकलिटीज में जहाँ यह स्कीम चल रहा है वहाँ इससे हमारी आमदनी तकरीबन ५७ हजार रुपये है और खर्च ४३ हजार रुपये है। लेकिन अगर सुद और डेप्रिस्सिअन चार्ज भी फँसाये जायें तो बचा आमदनी से ज्यादा हो जाता है और उस हालत में तकरीबन २६ हजार रुपये साल का नुकसान है।

DISCREPANCIES IN THE CLARIFICATIONS OF THE COLOMBO CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

*33. SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a statement made by Marshal Chen Yi, the Chinese Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister to the effect that there are great discrepancies in the clarifications of the Colombo Conference proposals as given in Delhi and Peking.

(b) if so, whether Government have ascertained the correct position in this respect from the Prime Minister of Ceylon; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative what is the reply given by the Prime Minister of Ceylon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence and External Affairs of the Government of Ceylon has denied in the House of Representatives that there are discrepancies between the clarifications given to the Colombo proposals at Delhi and at Peking.

SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: May I know whether the Prime Minister of Ceylon has written to the Chinese Government clarifying the position and renewing the efforts to clear the misunderstanding that the Chinese Government have deliberately tried to create in their own minds? I* so, may I know whether she has been able to remove such misunderstandings and tell the Chinese Government that there is no discrepancy whatsoever in the versions given to the Chinese Government and the Indian Government?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: The statement made in the House of Representatives of Ceylon was made on behalf of the Prime Minister of Ceylon and represented the views of the Prime Minister in this matter. As she has been in correspondence with the Prime Minister of China, one presumes she has given expression to her views clearly and what impression that may have created the other side is more than I can say.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: We learn now that Mr. Ali Sabry has visited Peking and is likely to visit New Delhi in the near future. Our information is that his visit is to find out, both in Peking and in New Delhi, whether changes could be made in regard to the Colombo proposals and, if so, whether a further meeting of the Colombo Powers could be arranged for that purpose in the near future. Is this true?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: No, Sir, nobody has suggested a further meeting of the Colombo Powers. Certainly, to my knowledge, Mr. Ali Sabry is in Peking and is certainly going to come here in four or five days.

SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: It has been reported in today's papers that Mr. Ali Sabry has said that he would try to bring the Chinese and Indian Governments at a conference table and that he would be successful