

कारियां सीखें। हमारी बहुत-सी स्कीमें कामयाब हुई और बाज़ में कुछ तकलीफ भी पैदा हुई।

श्री विमलकुमार मल्लालजो चौरड़िया :
यह स्कीम आप सफल मानते हैं या असफल ?

श्री मेहर चन्द खन्ना : इसको मैं दोनों मानने के लिए तैयार हूँ, सफल भी हुई और असफल भी हुई।

SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: May I know, Sir, if any security bonds have been taken from these trainees?

SHRI JAGANATH RAO: No.

SHRI M. C. SHAH: May I know, Sir, what professions are taught in this centre?

SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: My question has not been replied.

SHRI JAGANATH RAO: No security bonds were taken from the trainees. Moreover, we used to give stipends to the trainees.

SHRI M. C. SHAH: Sir, my question has not been answered. I want to know what professions are taught in this centre.

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: We have a Bamboo Centre in Calcutta. We invited some Japanese technicians. They came and trained a number of people there. The idea was to utilise the bamboo produced in West Bengal and produce certain articles which can be readily sold in the market.

SHRI JAI NARAIN VYAS: May I know, Sir, who recruited these trainees in this institution, whether they applied or whether they were selected by some body?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA:
The centre was directly under the Ministry of Rehabilitation.

क्षेत्रीय पासपोर्ट कार्यालयों का सर्वेक्षण

***२४६. श्री भगवत नारायण भार्गव :**
क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह गताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने जनता की शिकायतों को जानने और क्षेत्रीय पासपोर्ट कार्यालयों के कार्य-संचालन को सरल बनाने और उसमें सुधार करने के लिये गत वर्ष उन कार्यालयों का कोई सर्वेक्षण कराया था; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका क्या परिणाम निकला और कठिनाइयों को दूर करने के लिये नियमों और प्रक्रिया में क्या-क्या विशेष परिवर्तन किये गये हैं ?

†[SURVEY OF REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICES]

***249. SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA:**
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government carried out a survey of the Regional Passport Offices last year with a view to find out the grievances of the public and to simplify and improve the procedure of work of those offices; and

(b) if so, what has been the result thereof and what special changes have been made in the rules and procedure in order to remove the difficulties?]

वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री दिनेश सिंह) : (क) और (ख) जी हां: पासपोर्ट कार्यालयों में अज्ञियां देने की सामान्य प्रक्रिया और उन पर कार्रवाई करने के तरीके पर बराबर विचार होता रहता है। नियमों में

† [English translation.

कोई खास परिवर्तन करने की जरूरत नहीं समझी गई है। बहरहाल, कर्मचारियों की स्थिति और काम के वितरण पर विचार करके प्रशासन सम्बन्धी कुछ निर्णय किये गये हैं जिससे कि अजिया आसानी से जल्दी निबटाई जा सके।

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

(b) The general procedure for submitting applications and the method of dealing with them in the passport offices are constantly under review. No special changes in the rules have been considered necessary. However, some administrative decisions have been taken to simplify and expedite the disposal of applications by review of staff position and reallocation of work etc.]

श्री भगवत नारायण भार्गव : क्या मैं यह जान सकता हूँ कि सरकार के ध्यान में क्या ऐसे केसेज आये हैं कि जिनमें कम से कम छः महीने पहले दरखास्त दी गई और उनका समय पूरा हो गया, मगर उनको पासपोर्ट नहीं मिल सके ?

श्री विनेश सिंह : ज्यादातर तो जो पासपोर्ट की दरखास्तें आईं, उन पर फौरन अमल किया गया और उनमें मैं यह जिक्र कर दूँ कि ऐसी करीब ८३,६२३ दरखास्तें आईं जिनमें से ७५,५६७ को पासपोर्ट दिये गये और ५,१३५ को रिजेक्ट कर दिया गया। बाकी जो बची हैं वे इसलिए रुकी हुई हैं कि उनमें जो पूरा विवरण मांगा गया था वह नहीं दिया था।

SHRI C. D. PANDE: Sir, in recent years restrictions were imposed on the issue of passports more and more because there was the problem of a large number of people going to the U.K. for labour purposes. Now that problem does not exist. May I know, Sir, if the Government will make

such rules as have existed for three or four years so that passports may be easily available as these days one has to go from pillar to post to get a passport? It takes one more than a year to obtain a passport.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I doubt if the hon. Member is correct. Out of 83,923 applicants, the number given, seventy-five thousand odd were granted, five thousand odd were rejected and the balance of 3,221 were kept pending because their forms did not contain full information and they had to be sent back. Now, out of the 3,221, only 841 are pending for over one month.

SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: May I know, Sir, whether there are any cases of utilisation of forged passports in these Regional Passport Offices and, if so, what action has been taken against such a practice, and whether any employees of the Regional Passport Offices are involved in such matters?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Passport offices do not issue forged passports. They issue real ones. It is the other people who forge them. This practice has been largely stopped but not entirely. Only fairly recently some further cases occurred.

SHRI A. D. MANI: May I know, Sir, what objection has Government to revert to the old practice of issuing passports for a period of five years? At present passports are issued for three years for Members of Parliament, others for only one year, some others for six months. Why can the Government not revert to the old practice of issuing passports for a period of five years and save the person concerned the trouble of going to the Passport office again and again?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I am afraid I do not know much about this matter. I may have to enquire before I can answer the question.