

कोई एक कांड लेना चाहता है तो वह तीन पैसे में मिलता है और अधिक कांड उसे लेना हो तो तीन के हिसाब से ज्यादा पैसा देना पड़ता है, इसका क्या कारण है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : इसके भिन्न भिन्न कैलकुलेशंस हैं। इस वक्त हिसाब यह है कि एक लिफाफा १२ नये पैसे में मिलता है। लोग तीन आना तीन इक्कानियों में देते हैं और उनको ६ नये पैसे वापस मिलने होते हैं (नये पैसे के अभाव में उन्हें इक्कनी दी जाती है) जो कि एक आने के बराबर होते हैं। इस तरह से उनको दो आने में ही लिफाफा मिल जाता है ? इस तरह से कई परम्यूटेशंस एंड कंबिनेशंस हैं जिससे अक्सर पोस्टल डिपार्टमेंट और सरकार भी नुकसान में रहती है, खरीदने वाला ही नहीं।

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it not a fact that if you affix one two-anna stamp upon an envelop it is considered properly stamped but if you affix two one-anna stamps, you have to pay additional charge as it is considered under-stamped?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: The point is, one-anna stamp now sells....

MR. CHAIRMAN: All these problems will solve themselves if you give a little time.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: If you will kindly permit me I should like to answer this because this is an important question and an elder statesman like Rajaji has also raised this. The answer is this. One-anna stamp now sells for six naye paise and two such stamps will only make 12 naye paise and not 13 naye paise, which is the present value of the embossed envelope as approved by the Parliament. That is why it is like that.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: When is the Government going to introduce 25 naye paise and 50 naye paise coins? May I know in what form they will be and whether there will be any silver in those coins?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is an altogether different question.

UNIFORM NATIONAL CALENDAR FOR INDIA

*7. **DR. RAGHUBIR SINH:** Will the Minister for HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Report of the Calendar Reforms Committee has so far been translated into any of the Indian Languages and if so, in which languages;

(b) what steps were taken by Government to ascertain the views of the State Governments and different scholars and experts in respect of the recommendations contained in that Report before Government took the decision regarding 'Uniform National Calendar'; and

(c) what steps are now being taken to give publicity to the details of the New Calendar and to the basis on which this New Calendar has been finalised?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA): (a) The State Governments have been requested to make arrangements for publishing the Report in all the major Indian languages and in Sanskrit.

(b) The Chief Ministers were addressed by the Prime Minister and requested to furnish the views of their respective State Governments on the Report. The State Governments consulted the scholars and experts, where-necessary, before communicating their views.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Steps taken by the Government to give publicity to the details of the New Calendar and the basis on which it has been furnished.

(i) State Governments have been requested to make arrangements for

the translation and publication of the Report of the Calendar Reform Committee in all the major Indian languages and in Sanskrit.

(ii) Copies of the Report have been supplied to all the important Panchang Makers in the country so that they may prepare new Panchangs on the basis of the recommendations made in the Report.

(iii) An abridged version of the Report of the Calendar Reform Committee in non-technical language in the form of a popular pamphlet has been brought out; the question of its translation in Hindi and regional languages is also under consideration.

(iv) The Indian Meteorological Department (Ministry of Transport and Communications) are taking steps to publish the panchangs in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Bengali, Malayalam, Kannada, Marathi, Gujarati and Urdu besides English.

(v) Broadcast talks have been given by eminent scholars/experts on the subject.

(vi) Publicity has been given by means of feature articles in the various newspapers.

(vii) Cheaper editions of the Report of the Calendar Reform Committee are being printed for the use of general public. The price of the Report has also been reduced to encourage its purchase by the general public.

(viii) (a) In the Calendars issued by Government, dates of the new Calendar have been given side by side with the Gregorian calendar.

(b) Dates of the new Calendar are being broadcast along with the Gregorian calendar in opening announcements of A.I.R. These dates are also given in the All India Radio programme journals.

(c) Dates according to the New Indian Calendar are being given on the Gazette of India in addition to the Gregorian dates.

(ix) State Governments have been requested to take all necessary steps to give publicity to the new Calendar and to educate public opinion on it.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know whether the Government did not realise the importance of the need for getting this Report translated and publicised before enforcing this calendar?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: Sir, it is being done already.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: But he has enforced that calendar before publicising it.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Sir, all the important panchang makers in the country were shown this and it was sent round to the calendar makers also.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: But the calendar makers do not know

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ KAPOOR: Sir, may I know whether we are not going to show chivalry to a lady Member who has risen to the position of a Minister and who is answering a question for the first time?

(No reply.)

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: According to the old nomenclature Chaitra, Vaisakha etc. are lunar months and now they are solar months. What is the justification for making this confusion?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: The justification is the recommendation of that Committee.

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: Does it not cause confusion in the country?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: No, Sir. In fact the object is to bring about accuracy and uniformity.

SHRI R. U. AGNIBHOJ: May I know whether under the new scheme the shukla paksha and krishna paksha would exist or go away?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: They would remain as they are.

DR. P. C. MITRA: On what basis did the Committee come to the conclusion that 22nd March was the first day of Chaitra although it is actually the eighth?

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: That is the vernal equinox, Sir,

DR. P. C. MITRA: But on what basis did they come to that conclusion?

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Sir, the Report is placed in the Library and my hon. friend can get all these details from there.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know if the Government is aware that even noted Western scholars like Cyrill Fagan and Donald Bradley have strongly advocated the Hindu Nirvana Zodiac and have pointed out the unscientific nature of the western tropical Zodiac which is being intimated in the new calendar?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: We have accepted the views of a technical Committee which was appointed to go into all these questions. For the purpose of achieving uniformity and accuracy of calculations, they have made some recommendations which the Government have accepted.

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: Have the Government accepted all the recommendations of the Calendar Reform Committee?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: I would invite the hon. Member's attention to a Press Note which we have issued in this connection. In the first instance their recommendations have been accepted to a certain extent now and there would be a progressive change so far as other recommendations are concerned.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Sir, May I know whether the Government is aware that utter confusion has begun to prevail in the months of the new calendar and those of the existing calendar, as the names are the same?

And what steps are proposed to be taken to avoid the same?

— SHRI B. N. DATAR: All this confusion may be gradually resolved.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: I do not understand how it can be resolved because the lunar months will continue to be there.

(No reply.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

विदेशों से अध्यापकों का विनिमय

*८. श्री राम सहाय : क्या शिक्षा तथा वैज्ञानिक गवेषणा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सन् १९५६ के प्रारम्भ से अब तक विदेशों से कितने विद्यार्थियों, अध्यापकों और प्राध्यापकों का विनिमय हुआ है ?

† [EXCHANGE OF INDIAN TEACHERS WITH THOSE FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

*8. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister for EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state the number of Indian students, teachers and professors so far exchanged with those from foreign countries since the beginning of the year 1956?]

शिक्षा तथा वैज्ञानिक गवेषणा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० के० एल० श्रीमाली) : जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI) : Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.]

इस्पात के चौथे कारखाने की स्थापना

*९. श्री राम सहाय : क्या इस्पात, खान और ईंधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार रूरकेला, भिलाई और दुर्गापुर के इस्पात के कारखानों के अतिरिक्त एक और इस्पात का कारखाना

†English translation.