

RAJYA SABHA*Friday, 4th. May 1956*

The House met at eleven of the clock, MR.
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN

1. Shri P. D. Himatsingka (West
Bengal)

2. Shri Perath Narayanan Nair
(Madras).

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER**FORMATION OF WAGE BOARD FOR WORKING JOURNALISTS**

2. SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU:
Will the Minister for LABOUR be
pleased to state:

(a) when the formation of the Wage
Board concerning the working journalists is to
be announced; and

(b) whether it is under contemplation to
afford them interim relief in regard to their
wages?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR
LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) The Wage
Board has already been constituted and its
composition announced.

(b) This is a matter for consideration in
consultation with the Wage Board.

SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: 'Sir,
May I know whether the Government is going
to consult the Board under section 13 of the
Act to fix interim wages as promised by the
Information and Broadcasting Minister when
the Bill came up for consideration?

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SHRI ABID ALI: As I have indicated in
part (b) of my answer to the question, this is a
matter about which we will consult the Wage
Board. We have also to consider whether
asking the Wage Board to submit interim
recommendations will further delay the
submission of their final report. The
representatives of the workers are also on the
Wage Board, and it will be for them to
consider whether it is in the interests of the
workers to ask for interim recommendations.
All these factors will have to be considered
and if necessary, certainly we will ask the
Wage Board to give their recommendations
with regard to interim relief.

SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I
know whether facilities will be offered for the
employees' representatives on this Wage
Board by their employers to attend the Wage
Board meetings?

SHRI ABID ALI: Of course, the employees'
representatives should attend the meetings,
and facilities will be given to them to attend
the meetings. As I have already indicated,
their representatives are there, and in case
more representatives are to be consulted or if
more of them appear before the Wage Board,
they should be welcome.

SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I
know whether Government have received any
information as to any employer refusing
permission to any employees' representative
to attend the Board meetings?

SHRI ABID ALI: I do not think such a
contingency has already arisen.

SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I
know when the rules under the Working
Journalists Act will be published and how
long it will take?

SHRI ABID ALI: The provisional draft of
these rules has already been made ready.
These will be sent to the organisations of the
parties concerned, and their
preliminary