

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I am saying they totally disowned the Daily Express when the matter was brought to their notice.

SHRI B. GUPTA: May I know if, in view of these malicious attacks against India and the Prime Minister, the Prime Minister would give up the idea of attending the Coronation. This is a simple question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

SALE OF DAKOTAS

*641. SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Dakotas are being sold by Government;

(b) if so, how many and to whom; and

(c) the number of Dakotas sold since 1947, with the names of their purchasers and their sale prices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SHRI S. N. BURAGOHAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV. Annexure 199.]

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: May I know the total number of Dakotas in the country?

SHRI S. N. BURAGOHAIN: I can give the total figure of those sold from Disposals. About the total number in the country, I think the question should be directed to my colleague, the Minister for Communications.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: In the statement laid on the Table, quite a number of these Dakotas are marked unserviceable may I know the meaning of 'unserviceable'?

SHRI S. N. BURAGOHAIN: It means ! they could be used for cannibalisation purposes and not for actual use.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Cannibalisation is specially marked on this paper that I have. Unserviceable is separately marked. May I know the difference between cannibalisation and unserviceable?

SHRI S. N. BURAGOHAIN: All unserviceable aircraft except those which have been sold as scrap—and they have not been shown here—are used for cannibalisation purposes.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Were these Dakotas, marked 'unserviceable', ever used by the civil air lines?

SHRI S. N. BURAGOHAIN: I don't think so.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: May I know the appetite of Dakota cannibals?

(No answer.)

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: May I know how the sale price is fixed?

SHRI S. N. BURAGOHAIN: The sale price was fixed by the Disposals Board who took into consideration the demand for these aircraft and also, I believe, the world price of such aircraft.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Have the employees of the various airways sent a representation that these aircraft were not purchased in the cheapest markets?

SHRI S. N. BURAGOHAIN: I am not aware of any such representations.

PRODUCTION OF TELEPHONE CABLES

*642. SHRI KISHORI RAM: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of manufacturing one mile length of insulated telephone cables in India; and