

Shri A. C. Joshi: Sir, that is a suggestion for action.

Press Representatives in the President's Party

*1661. Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the press representatives of leading newspapers were not included in the Presidential Party now on a visit to South East Asian countries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the method of such selection?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri A. C. Joshi): (a) to (c). In selecting Press representatives for such visits, efforts are made to get as representative a group as possible, including language newspapers. It is also kept in view that all important papers or press interests should get their turn. The willingness of the papers concerned to bear the cost of the trip and the availability of accommodation have also to be kept in view. In the present case accommodation was available only for four correspondents. After consultation with journalistic organisations, the correspondents of the following were nominated:—

- (1) Press Trust of India,
- (2) Amrit Bazar Patrika (English), Calcutta and Jugantar (Bengali), Calcutta.
- (3) Hitavada (English) Nagpur and Bhopal, Mathurbhumi (Malayalam), Kozhikode, Samayukta Karnataka (Kannada), Bangalore and Hubli, Tamil Nadu (Tamil), Madurai.

The Indian Language Newspapers Association had intimated that the Editor of 'Samaj', Cuttack, would represent them. He cancelled his trip at the last moment.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether it is a fact that certain press representatives are included in such conducted tours every time; and, if so, may I know whether the hon. Minister will get a list of the representatives who went in these tours for the last two or three years?

Shri A. C. Joshi: It will be laid on the Table of the House, Sir, if the hon. Member so desires.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether it is a fact that representatives of language newspapers are neglected and more importance is given to representatives of English newspapers?

Shri A. C. Joshi: No, Sir; it is not true. In fact, in this case the English papers have suffered. They could not send their representatives, while the Indian language newspapers were given priority and preference over the English newspapers.

श्री अक्षय वरुण : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इंडोचाइना के दौरे में जो चार पांच पत्रकार भेजे गये क्या सारे हिन्दुस्तान में हिन्दी का एक भी ऐसा पत्रकार नहीं मिला कि जो उनके साथ भेजा जा सकता, और क्या इस सम्बन्ध में कोई प्रयत्न किया गया ?

श्री आ० ब० जोशी : हिन्दी के पत्रकारों से कहा गया लेकिन वह लोग नहीं गये ।

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : किससे कहा गया ?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is the information that the Minister has given. If hon. Members doubt it, there are other occasions when they can settle it, not now.

श्री बालदेवी : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि हिन्दी के कौन से पत्रकारों को जाने के लिये कहा गया, और यदि उन्होंने असमर्थता प्रकट की तो उसके क्या कारण थे ?

श्री आ० ब० जोशी : "भाज" हिन्दी का एक प्रमुख पत्र है, उससे कहा गया । वह लोग नहीं गये ।

Shri Hem Barua: Sir, on the floor of this House the Minister of Information and Broadcasting was pleased to say that representatives of the language papers were included in the President's tour abroad. If that is so, may I know why there should be a sort of difference between the two opinions expressed on the floor of the House, one by the Minister and the other by the Parliamentary Secretary?

Acharya Kripalani: That happened yesterday also.

Shri Hem Barua: And, the Minister took a pride in it.

Acharya Kripalani: Yesterday also.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is only an opinion, that there is a difference of opinion. He finds that there is no difference.

श्री बजरत्न सिंह में जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या सूचना मंत्रालय को कोई ज्ञान है कि "भाज"के प्रतिरिक्त हिन्दी के और किसी पत्र के प्रतिनिधित्व से या सम्पादको से इसके लिये लिखा पढ़ी नहीं हुई और "भाज" से भी कोई लिखा पढ़ी की गयी थी या नहीं इस सम्बन्ध में, और यदि लिखापढ़ी की गयी थी तो क्या उनके पास उनकी यह लिखित इन्कारी है कि वह नहीं जाना चाहते ?

श्री शा० च० जींको उनसे इनफारमल तरीके से पूछा गया था ।

श्री रामेश्वर दांडिया "भाज" वाले नहीं गये तो क्या हिन्दी के दूसरे पत्रकारों से पूछा गया था, यदि नहीं तो क्यों ?

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय जो उनके सामने थे उनको इनफारमल तरीके से इत्तला दी गयी, वह नहीं गये ।

Imphal-Tamenglong Road

*1662. **Shri L. Achaw Singh:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state—

(a) whether the hill cutting work on the 50th mile of the Imphal-Tameng-

long Road has been stopped after it was started; and

(b) whether any new alignment has been discovered to avoid cutting the difficult rocks on this portion and on the 67th mile of Imphal-Tamenglong Road?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): The question will be answered by the Minister for Transport and Communications on a subsequent date.

Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd.

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*1663 { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Morarka:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been signed between the Hindustan Machine Tools, Limited, Bangalore and a French firm for the manufacture of lathes, and

(b) if so, the main terms of the agreement?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir. The copy of the agreement has been made available in the Library of the House on 25th February, 1959.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House giving the summary of the more important features [See Appendix VI, annexure No 22].

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: From the statement I find that this firm will supply to this company some equipment. May I know whether any equipment has been received so far?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Not so far. The agreement has been entered into on 2nd January, and the details are being worked out.