

tion of a provisional government of Algeria in Tunisia and recognise it; and, if so, are Government considering their attitude towards such a contingency?

**Shri Sadath Ali Khan:** We have seen the Press report this morning, further than that I cannot say anything.

**Mr. Speaker:** We will go to the next question. How can we go into the details of every affair?

#### Radio Sets

\*1626. **Shri V. C. Shukla:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under consideration a scheme for manufacture of low cost radio sets; and

(b) if so, the broad features of the scheme?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri A. C. Joshi):** (a) and (b). Government have at present no scheme for the manufacture of low cost radio sets under consideration.

**Shri V. C. Shukla:** Have the Government received a memorandum from the radio manufacturing industry regarding the manufacture of low cost radio sets if so, may I know what are the salient features of this memorandum and how many of them have been accepted or considered by Government?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** The Government have received no memorandum from the radio manufacturers' association regarding the production of low cost radio sets.

**Shri Tangamani:** May I know what help the Government is extending to Mr. G. B. Naidu who is now producing low cost radio sets by assembling various parts in his workshop in Coimbatore?

**Dr. Keskar:** As I said, Sir, we are not giving any particular help in this

matter, nor has the question been taken up on a systematic basis. Government had left the question of low cost radio sets to the industry. We are, no doubt, examining the question whether, if a low cost radio set is not forthcoming, this question should be taken up with the industry later on.

**सेठ गो.बिन्दु दास :** इस विषय पर गवर्नमेंट बहुत दिनों से विचार कर रही है और इस देश की गरीबी की हालत को देखते हुए क्या यह आशा की जा सकती है कि इस सम्बन्ध में कुछ बातें जल्दी की जा सकेंगी जिस में लोगों को इस तरह के रेडियो मिल सकें ?

**डा० केसकर :** सरकार को इस बारे में पूरी सहानुभूति है, लेकिन पहले इस बारे में निश्चय हुआ था कि सस्ते रेडियो सेट का काम प्राइवेट सेक्टर करेगा। अगर इंडस्ट्री उसे बनाने में असफल रही तो इस बात पर विचार होगा कि हम इस बारे में क्या कर सकते हैं। चूंकि हमारे ऊपर रेडियो के बारे में बहुत सी जिम्मेदारियां थी, उस समय हम ने इस को हाथ में लेना उचित नहीं समझा। हो सकता है अब हम इस मामले पर विचार करें, लेकिन अभी कोई गहरा विचार इस मामले में नहीं किया गया।

**Shri Dasappa:** May I know for how long the Ministry have this subject under their consideration, namely, the question of securing what you call low cost radio sets and with whom they are carrying on their negotiations in order to secure the manufacture of these sets and under what cost?

**Dr. Keskar:** What I had said was that this question is not at all under our active consideration today.

**Some Hon. Members rose—**

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Minister has said that he has left it entirely to the private industry. Let us watch for some time and if nothing happens we will intercede. What is the meaning of labouring this point again and again? Next question.