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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER IN THE CHAIR]

MEMBERS SWORN

Mr. Speaker: Secretary may call out the names of Members who have come to make and subscribe the oath or affirmation under the Constitution.

Secretary: Shri Ramesh Prasad Singh.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Satya Narayan Sinha): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have very great pleasure in introducing to the House and to you Shri Ramesh Prasad Singh, who has been elected from the Aurangabad Parliamentary Constituency of Bihar in a bye-election caused by the resignation of Shri Satyendra Narayan Sinha.

(Shri Ramesh Prasad Singh then made and subscribed the oath in English and took his seat in the House)

Secretary: Shri Ganpat Sahai.

Shri Satya Narayan Sinha: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have very great pleasure in introducing to the House and to you Shri Ganpat Sahai, who has been elected from the Sultanpur Constituency of Uttar Pradesh in a bye-election caused by the demise of Pandit Govind Malaviya.

(Shri Ganpat Sahai then made and subscribed the oath in English and took his seat in the House)

Secretary: Shri Ananta Tripathi Sarma.

Shri Satya Narayan Sinha: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have very great pleasure in introducing to the House and to you Shri Ananta Tripathi Sarma, who has been elected from the Chatrapur-Ganjam Parliamentary Constituency in a bye-election caused by the demise of Shri Uma Charan Patnaik.

(Shri Ananta Tripathi Sarma then made and subscribed the oath in English and took his seat in the House)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Anti-Indian Circulars in Washington

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Shri N. R. Muniswamy:
Shri S. A. Mehdi:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shrimati Renuka Ray:
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:
Shri P. G. Deb:
Shri Yadav Narayan Jadhav:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the anti-Indian circulars which flooded Washington recently;

(b) whether Government have made any efforts to find out the origin of these letters; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to counter the allegations made in these letters?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) Yes.

(b) The circulars were issued by some anonymous agency.

(c) The issue of the circular was brought to the notice of the State Department by our Embassy in Washington. A special release giving the true facts about India's stand on Cuba was also issued by our Embassy in Washington.

Shri Nath Pai: Were any efforts made by the Indian Embassy in Washington to find out the origin, as we have put it in the main question, of these circulars and what steps were taken to counter the propaganda?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: There was no signature or the address of any organisation, or even the printer's name and, therefore, it was difficult for us to trace the source from which the circular emanated. It has been stated in answer to the original question what we have done. We have issued a special release containing the full text of the Prime Minister's remarks about Cuba made on the 22nd April and also in the course of his speech before the All-India Manufacturers' Organisation and it explained India's stand on the Cuban affair explicity. This release was widely distributed and evoked appreciative comments.

Shri N. R. Muniswamy: May I know what was the exact impact of this pernicious circular on the American people, as against the Indian release, and, if so, what was the report received from our Embassy?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Impact on whom?

Shri N. R. Muniswamy: On the American people.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I am sorry I cannot reply on behalf of the American people. I imagine the impact was not very great.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: It was reported that the object of these circulars was to create opinion in America against the granting of aid to India on the alleged ground that India's stand on Cuba conflicted with the stand of the American Government.

The Deputy Minister just now said that the Embassy in Washington had made it clear that this was not so. Am I to understand that the Embassy tried to explain that our stand on Cuba was the same as the American Government's stand on Cuba?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: We circulated what had been said primarily by me about it. They gave the facts. Obviously that stand differs from the stand of the American Government.

Shri P. G. Deb: May I know whether any efforts were made to contact the Members of the United States Congress to convince them?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: No, Sir, it is not usually done.

Production of Small Cars

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Pandit D. N. Tiwari:

Shri D. C. Sharma:

Shri P. G. Deb:

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:

Shri Chuni Lal:

Shri Indrajit Gupta:

Shri P. C. Borooah:

Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:

Shri Kodiyan:

Shri A. M. Tariq:

Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:

Shri Subodh Hansda:

Shri S. C. Samanta:

Shri Subbiah Ambalam:

Shri Narayanankutty

*2. **Menon:**

Shri Punnoose:

Shri M. K. Kumaran:

Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:

Shri Achar:

Shri Damani:

Shri Morarka:

Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Shri Muhammed Elias:

Shri Warrior:

Shri Hem Barua:

Shri Arjun Singh

Bhadauria:

Shri N. M. Deb:

Maharajkumar Vijaya

Ananda:

Shri Subiman Ghose:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the