

SHRI A. C. GEORGE (Mukandapuram): What type of foreign office are you running?

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Whenever I go out, I also hold meeting of the Indian ambassador in that region. Recently, I was in Nairobi and a meeting of the Indian ambassadors accredited to the neighbouring countries was called by me. There is nothing wrong in holding such meetings. We do the same thing ever we go out.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: I hope you do not do it secretly.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: If it was held secretly how did Shri Saugata Roy knows about it?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: When you do not know, then he may ask: is it a secret from the Foreign Minister?

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Not a secret. I will find out and let him know

SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN:
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MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Mr. Unnikrishnan, let him find out.

SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Let him tell us not Mr. Roy. It is not a private matter between Mr. Saugata Roy and the Minister.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: He wanted to know. (Interruptions) He wanted to know whether we will depend on the United Nations or will do something on our own, to make the Indian Ocean a zone of peace. I will welcome suggestions. About initiative, it has already been decided to

hold a conference of littoral and hinterland countries. The ad hoc committee is working. If Indian Ocean is to become a zone of peace—we want to take a joint initiative—why should we not involve all countries which are party to that historic resolution? And that is what we are trying to do.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: Now the information has come.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Where is Jagat Mehta? (Interruptions).

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: I have been in the Opposition for 20 year. Do you mean to say that your own Ministers did not use to consult officials? (Interruptions) Let us behave in a responsible way (Interruptions)

A number of American Ambassadors were present in Delhi when Mr Christopher came here; but we cannot say whether they held any formal conference or not. I have nothing to conceal.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: You are a good man your officers are not

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Let him answer. Let us not have a running commentary.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: I think I have replied to all the points raised by my hon. friends.

13.33 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) STATE OF HEALTH OF LOKNAYAK JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN

PROF. SAMAR GUHA (Contai): Sir, I want to make a statement on Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan. The whole country is extremely worried to hear the report about the sudden serious indisposition of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan. I am sure that the Members of this House are

equally worried about the report of Jayaprakash Narayan Ji's serious illness and along with our countrymen they would also pray for his early recovery. It has come out in the Press that Jayaprakash Narayan Ji has been flown to Jaslok Hospital, Bombay for urgent medical treatment.

I would like to make a request to the Minister of Health—he is not here—any of the responsible Ministers can do it. The Prime Minister can do it or any other responsible Minister can do it. But I want that they should do it—to make a statement in the House giving all information about the nature of illness of Jayaprakash Narayan Ji and his present condition. I would also like to know from the Government whether Government is going to make all arrangements for necessary treatment of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan and meet the expenses of his treatment at Jaslok Hospital and extend all other facilities for the purpose.

Just recently, I have got a letter from Shri S. M. Joshi.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER. But Mr. Guha.

PROF. SAMAR GUHA. I am adding just one sentence, Sir.

Just recently Sir, I have got a letter from Shri S. M. Joshi, on behalf of JP's Chhatra Sahayak Nidhi, where he has said that they did not want to make any public statement. But from friends and close friends they want to collect some funds for the medical treatment of Jayaprakash Narayan Ji. But this is the idea of Mr. S. M. Joshi. But I want to know why Government should not take all the responsibility for the medical treatment of Jayaprakash Narayan Ji.

Loknayak Jayapraash Narayan is the leading light of our national conscience to-day. He has dedicated himself totally to the nation and we hope that our Government will feel

it as their national obligation to fulfil our national duty to this great man of our country.

I do not find either Minister here.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I think the whole House joins you in wishing that Jayaprakashji recovers soon. I hope the Government will make a statement on the latest condition soon. Now Mr. Mhalgi.

श्री उपमन (देवरिया) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, माननीय जयप्रकाश जी की दवाइयों का सारा खर्च सरकार वहन करे।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now Mr. Mhalgi.

श्री यमुना प्रसाद शास्त्री (रीत) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, सरकार इस बारे में क्या कर रही है।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : मैं माननीय मन्त्रालय को बताना है।

श्री उपमन : यह पूछ रहे हैं कि सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : पूछने की कोई जरूरत नहीं है।

श्री यमुना प्रसाद शास्त्री : सरकार बतलव दे कि उनकी लाश कैसी है और सरकार उनकी बिस्मिया के बारे में क्या प्रवृत्ति करने जा रही है ?

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Mr. Shastri, please take your seat. If you go on like this, nothing will go on record.

(1) GRIEVANCES OF TRUSTEES OF BOMBAY PORT TRUST

SHRI R. K. MHALGI (Thana) : In an unprecedented move, eight trustees of the Bombay Port Trust representing trade and industry have decided to resign en masse. Some of them have already sent in their resignations and the others have kept them ready, waiting for clearance from the association they represent.

The move is the outcome of these trustees' anger at being totally ignored. They maintain that their views