

the Sixteenth and Forty-ninth Reports of the Estimates Committee.

11.06 hrs.

**STATEMENT RE. WORLD POPULA-
TION CONFERENCE**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. KARAN SINGH): Mr. Speaker, Sir, as Hon'ble Members are aware, 1974 is being observed by the United Nations as World Population Year. A World Population Conference was held in Bucharest (Romania) from the 19th to 30th August. I had the privilege of leading the Indian Delegation to this Conference and the Deputy Leader was Professor S. Chakravarty, Member, Planning Commission. A member of our delegation Professor P. B. Desai was elected Rapporteur-General of the Conference.

In view of the importance of this event, I am sure Hon'ble Members will be interested to know more details with regard to the Conference. With your permission, Sir, I would like to place copies of four documents in the Library; my address to the Plenary Session, our Country Statement for the Conference, the concluding speech by Professor S. Chakravarty, and the World Population Plan of Action as adopted by the Conference on 30th August, 1974. Members will notice that the broad policy enunciated in my opening speech has been well reflected in the Plan of Action as finally adopted.

11 07 hrs

**STATEMENT RE. DISCOVERY OF
CURRENCY NOTES OF FIVE
RUPEES DENOMINATION
BEARING THE SAME
NUMBER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to make a statement on the matter raised in the House under Rule 377, on

the 13th August, 1974, by Shri Shyam-nandan Mishra, regarding discovery of 20 Notes of Five-Rupees denomination bearing the same number (T-77/218978).

Sir, necessary enquiries in this matter have been made. Twenty pieces of five rupee notes bearing the same serial number (T-77/218978) were found in a packet issued to the Gujarat State Transport Depot, Rajkot by the State Bank of Saurashtra. The packet had been supplied to the Bank of Saurashtra by the Ahmedabad Issue Office of the Reserve Bank of India; the RBI had received it in a consignment of fresh notes from the Currency Note Press, Nasik Road. All the 20 pieces of the above-mentioned five rupee notes have been collected from Rajkot and examined by the Currency Note Press. The scrutiny has revealed that all these are genuine notes. The repetition of numbering has occurred when one of the numbering boxes in the numbering machine got stuck or if there was a defect in the connecting rod. The person in charge of the machine, however, failed to give necessary intimation to the Control Section about this though this is required to be done under the prescribed procedure. Unfortunately, even in the subsequent examination in the Control Section the repeated numbering was not detected. As a result, the notes in question were dispatched to RBI.

Sir, Government have also viewed with concern the reported discovery of another set of twenty notes of 5-Rupee denomination of the same T-77 series bearing identical number. As an immediate remedial measure, the RBI has been advised to instruct the concerned issue offices not to release any note of the series bearing the prefix T-77 and T-76 without cent per cent checking and verification. Owing to a large increase in production and supply of Notes to RBI, the cent per cent examination of notes of Rs. 5/- denomination had been discontinued about a year back and an emergency procedure was in vogue. Pending detailed examination of the entire procedure

in the Nasik Press, the emergency procedure is being discontinued for the present and cent per cent examination of notes of Rs. 5/- denomination reintroduced immediately. The R.B.I. has been advised accordingly.

Sir, disciplinary proceedings have been instituted against the concerned workers and supervisory staff, both in the machine numbering and also in the Control Section, and 4 persons have been immediately placed under suspension.

Sir, the need to strengthen the control staff both in regard to numbers and quality has been felt for some time and necessary action has already been initiated. Steps are also being taken to improve the system of examination with particular reference to the detection of defective numbering so that similar faults do not occur in future.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA (Begusarai): We demand a discussion during the next session. This has been a serious allegation standing for quite some time that these duplicate notes have been used for election purposes. We demand an inquiry either by a Judicial Commission or by a Parliamentary Committee. This has been a serious allegation for quite some time.

नोट के साथ ऐसी दस्तदाबी हो रही है तो करेन्सी में पब्लिक की क्या आस्था रह जायेगी ?

SHRI P. K. DEO (Kalahandi): This is a very serious matter. We want an assurance that a discussion would take place in the first week of the next session at least.

MR. SPEAKER: We will see.

SHRI P. K. DEO: Why was the practice of cent per cent examination of the five rupee notes discontinued?

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: This was an allegation made earlier by Acharya Kripalani.

SHRI P. K. DEO: There is an ulterior motive of corrupting the voters.

डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडेय (मदसौर): केवल नोट्स की ही बात नहीं है, इस प्रकार के दस-दस पैसे के पैरेलल सिक्के भी चल रहे हैं।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (ग्वालियर): मन्त्री महोदय ने कहा इसकी जांच हो रही है तो किस लेवल पर जांच हो रही है? जांच ऐसी होनी चाहिए जो सारे देश में कान्फिडेंस इन्सपायर करे। अगर डिपार्टमेंटल जांच है तो सारे मामले को दबा दिया जायेगा, इस बात का हमें डर है। वह बतायें कौन जांच कर रहा है?

श्री मधु लिमये (बांका): इसी के सम्बन्ध में मैं भी मन्त्री महोदय का ध्यान खीचना चाहता हूँ। यूनाइटेड कार्मिशियल बैंक, इलाहाबाद में चीफ कैशियर के पास सौ रुपये के नोट पाये गये हैं जिन पर मेटल लाइन नहीं था। तो इस के बारे में मन्त्री महोदय खुलासा करें।

अध्यक्ष महोदय: यह उनको भेज देंगे।

श्री मधु लिमये: यह भेज दिया है लेकिन कोई असर नहीं हो रहा है।

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: The question is: How to restore faith in the currency of the country?

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA (Serampore): In whose possession were these notes and what action was taken against them? If you are in possession of such notes, Sir, you would have been prosecuted.

अध्यक्ष महोदय: मेरे से क्या लेना है, उनसे पूछिये।

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: He has admitted that the duplication was done in the Nasik Press.

SHRI K. R. GANESH: No, not at all. I have given a frank statement. It is a mechanical defect. Don't try to politicalise it.

SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD (Bhagalpur): We are equally concerned about the frequency of such instances. But unfortunately, the opposition is trying to attribute political motives to everything. It is ludicrous to say that it is used for election purposes. We appreciate the frankness of the minister's statement and we want him to enquire into the matter.

11.12 hrs.

STATEMENT BY MEMBER UNDER DIRECTION 115

श्री हुकमचन्द कछवाय (मुरैना)
अतारकित प्रश्न संख्या 3327 दिनांक 23-8-74 के (ख) भाग में कहा गया है कि फरीदाबाद स्थित केन्द्रीय मुद्रणालय के कर्मचारियों को 1-9-66 से दिल्ली की दरों पर नगर प्रतिपूर्ति भत्ता कमी भी नहीं दिया गया, जबकि मंत्रालय के आदेश संख्या 2(4)-ई 11(बी) 165, दिनांक 5 अक्टूबर, 1966 को देखने से यह स्पष्ट हो जाता है कि 1-9-66 से 28-2-69 तक फरीदाबाद के केन्द्रीय मुद्रणालय के कर्मचारियों को निम्न शर्तों पर दिल्ली की दरों के अनुसार शहरी भत्ता दिया गया:

1-9-66 से साढ़े बारह प्रतिशत (एक साल के लिए)

एक साल के बाद 75 प्रतिशत (6 माह के लिए)

उसके बाद 50 प्रतिशत (6 माह के लिये)

उसके बाद 25 प्रतिशत (6 माह के लिये)

फरीदाबाद के केन्द्रीय मुद्रणालय के एक कर्मचारी को प्रेम के उस समय क प्रबन्धक ने पत्र संख्या 36/11/68-69/10077 दिनांक 25-1-69 की जो वेतन घनाण

पत्र दिया उससे भी स्पष्ट होता है कि उस समय फरीदाबाद के केन्द्रीय मुद्रणालय में नगर प्रतिपूर्ति भत्ता मिलता था।

उम समय दिया गया नगरपूर्ति भत्ता का आधार भी मन्त्री जी ने नहीं बताया। इससे स्पष्ट होता है कि मन्त्री जी फरीदाबाद स्थित केन्द्रीय वमंचारी जिनमे कि केन्द्रीय मुद्रणालय के वमंचारी भी सम्मिलित हैं, उनकी न्यायसंगत मांग को टालने एवं उस समय के मुंहगाई के आवाज़ों और आज़ के मुंहगाई के आकड़ा की तुलना भी नहीं की। मुझे ऐसा लगता है कि सरकार कर्मचारियों की न्यायसंगत मांग पर पर्दा डालने का प्रयास कर रही है।

इससे साबित होता है कि मन्त्री महोदय ने प्रश्न का गलत उत्तर दिया था। मैं आश करता हूं कि मन्त्री महोदय अपने उत्तर का ठीक करें।

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH): In the reply given to part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 3327 asked by Shri Hukam Chand Kachwai in the Lok Sabha on 23-8-1974, I had *inter alia* stated that city compensatory allowance at Delhi rates had never been sanctioned/paid to the Central Government Press employees at Faridabad from 1-9-1966 or thereafter. This was based on the information received from the Ministry of Works and Housing. That Ministry has since stated, on the basis of the information furnished by the Press authorities, that city compensatory allowance at Delhi rates was in fact paid to the Press employees at Faridabad from 1-9-1966 as under:—

- (i) at Delhi rates for one year.
- (ii) @ 75 per cent of Delhi rates for next six months
- (iii) @ 50 per cent of Delhi rates for next six months.
- (iv) @ 25 per cent of Delhi rates for next six months.