

(ख) और (ग). यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

### Koyna Tremor

1192-D. SHRI A. K. GOPALAN:  
SHRI BHAWAN DAS:  
SHRI VISWANATHA  
MENON:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the formulation made by Dr. B. K. Nayar of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Relation at the Geology and Geo-physics session of the Indian Science Congress at Varanasi that the Koyna tremor was caused due to a thermonuclear blast at almost the same time near Leandro Canyon, New Mexico, U.S.A., which is situated right on the other side of the world;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to further investigate into the matter; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) to (c). The observations of Dr. Nayar are under study by the Committee of Experts appointed by the Government of India on Koyna Earthquake. The enquiry is in progress. However, the Preliminary Report submitted by the Committee of Experts indicated that the cause of earthquake in the Koyna region is tectonic due to probable fault in the basement rock underlying balt formation and seems to have no connection with the nuclear test in USA.

12 hrs.

### Re. Discussion on Situation in Bengal

SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE (Calcutta North East): I am very sorry that the Home Minister seems to be a chronic absentee from this House...

MR. SPEAKER: He is in the Rajya

Sabha. The other House is also there. The hon. Member wants that there should be a discussion. I have already said that there could be some discussion...

SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE: You know very well how deeply disturbed many of us are about this matter. But I cannot understand why this matter is being procrastinated, when in one part of the country and a very major part of our country at that, the Constitution is in complete disarray and everything seems to have broken down...

MR. SPEAKER: That is exactly why I have said that I would be allowing a discussion...

SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE: But the Home Minister is not here now...

MR. SPEAKER: I am not allowing it now. The Home Minister has got to attend the Rajya Sabha also and now he is there. Ministers cannot be expected to be only here all the time, because there are two Houses and they have to attend the other House also. Perhaps, today is question day for him in the other House.

SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE: Since you have been pleased to refer to the other House, may I submit that presence at the other House in so far as the demand for a discussion of this description is concerned, in preference to presence in this House to which alone the Ministers are responsible, is something to which we have to take exception? I do not understand why you are being generous to them and you are allowing the other House to have an earlier discussion in regard to a matter which disturbs us so much...

MR. SPEAKER: There is no discussion there. I did not say that there was a discussion there. I said that it was question day for him there; perhaps that is so, I do not know; my information may be correct or may not be correct. Perhaps, it may be question day for him there.

Ministers can surely take care of them selves and I do not think they

need the generosity of the Speaker. They have got persons here who can take care of them.

So far as this matter is concerned, as we have already discussed in my chamber, we are going to have a discussion but not here and now. I shall fix the time . . .

**SHRI VASUDEVAN NAIR** (Peer-made): A minority government is continuing there with impunity.

**SHRI S. M. BANERJEE** (Kanpur): Mr. P. C. Ghosh has been brought here; Mr. Chunder is here. How long can this continue in this manner?

**MR. SPEAKER**: The plane carries him and he has come here. How can this House stop it?

I have already said that I am allowing a discussion . . .

**SHRI P. RAMAMURTI** (Madurai): Today?

**SHRI S. M. BANERJEE**: Allow a discussion today. We want to have a discussion today. They do not even answer our calling-attention-notice.

**MR. SPEAKER**: The point is this. As I have said we are going to have a discussion. It is only a question of fixing time.

**श्री कंवर लाल गुप्त** (दिल्ली सदर):  
सब कुछ वहाँ हो जायेगा तब आप समय तय करेंगे? यह कई दिन से चल रहा है . . . .  
(व्यवधान) . . . . .

**MR. SPEAKER**: That is exactly what I have said. I have accepted the position that we shall have to discuss this matter because it is an important matter.

**SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA**: It is urgent also.

**MR. SPEAKER**: Shri Ranga had also raised that question the other day. Everybody wants that we should have a discussion on this matter.

I just wanted to fix up the time so that there is no clash of business. I

have accepted it. We will get into touch with the other side and let you know when we will have a discussion.

**SHRI P. RAMAMURTI**: Will we have it today?

**SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU** (Diamond Harbour): Today is the sixth day since the crisis started.

**MR. SPEAKER**: How can I answer on behalf of Government? Leave it to me. I will see what can be done. I have heard you. I know your point of view, that we should have a discussion here and now, today itself.

**SHRI P. RAMAMURTI**: Sometime today, 4 O'clock—I do not mind.

**MR. SPEAKER**: Let us see.

12.05 hrs.

RE: TEACHERS' STRIKE IN DELHI

**SHRI M. L. SONDHI** (New Delhi): We are living in Delhi. There are 30,000 teachers on strike. But there is the worthy Education Minister, who has betrayed their trust, sitting so complacent about the whole thing.

**MR. SPEAKER**: He has heard you.

**श्री कंवर लाल गुप्त** (दिल्ली सदर):  
ग्रथस महोदय, दिल्ली में 8 लाख बच्चों पढ़ते हैं उनकी पढ़ाई का मामला है . . . .

**MR. SPEAKER**: Will he kindly resume his seat?

**SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU** (Diamond Harbour): Is he going to make a statement now?

**MR. SPEAKER**: We should get along with the work.

**SHRI M. L. SONDHI**: Please ask him what he proposes to do.

**श्री कंवर लाल गुप्त**: बार बार हम आपको चिट्ठी लिखते हैं उनको भी लिखने हैं, वह सुनते नहीं हैं . . . . .

**SHRI M. L. SONDHI**: Examinations are starting without the students.