

that the Speaker or the Chair tells the House earlier, at least an hour or two earlier, that a Minister will make a statement so that all the Members interested in the subject can be present.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Then it may be made tomorrow.

Shri Nanda: Sir, it is a small statement. With your permission, I am glad to inform the House that Shri Purshottam Das Kakodkar, regarding whose whereabouts great anxiety has been felt in this House and outside, is safe in Rishikesh, according to information received by us. This mystery has thus been cleared up. He is at present residing with one Shri Sundaranand. We have taken steps to establish contact.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Is he sound in body and mind?

Shri Nanda: He is sound enough to write letters.

Shri Khadlikar: I would like to ask a question.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It is not a calling attention notice.

Shri Khadlikar: Even then I would like to ask a question. It is good that the mystery has been solved.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: What is the question?

Shri Khadlikar: I am coming to that. It seems Shri Kakodkar went into hiding to catch the public eye and this stunt put to great strain the police authorities and a lot of expense to the Government. Will Government think of taking some action or will it ascertain whether he is a mental case?

Shri Nanda: We are glad enough to be rid of it. At any rate, there will be no further anxiety.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Has the CBI done it or someone else?

Shri Nanda: Well.

17.41 hrs.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—contd.

MINISTRY OF WORKS, HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT—contd.

Shri Subbaraman (Madurai): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I thank you for the opportunity you have given me to speak on the Demands of the Ministry of Works, Housing and Urban Development. Housing is an important subject. It comes only next to food and clothing for the welfare of the society. Of the whole population at least 25 per cent of the people live in houses which are not fit for living. They are unhygienic and are situated in not healthy and sanitary surroundings. They need good housing.

Just a few days back one expert gave a talk on housing. He said that on an average it costs Rs. 5,000 to build a good house. If you take into consideration that 25 per cent of the people want good housing, it means two crore houses are required and if each house costs Rs. 5,000, it means Rs. 10,000 crores are required. If you spread over this amount for ten years, even then it would cost at least Rs. 1,000 crores per year. I do not know how far it will be possible for us to find such a big amount.

We have been spending good, large amounts for building houses for low income and middle income group people; but, if you look into their needs, we require more amount. If you consider the requirements of the whole society, I think, those people, who live in slums and congested areas, require the foremost attention.

Government are constructing housing colonies for Harijans. Even there a house costs Rs. 1,000. In a few

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years they need some repairs and money is required for that also and they find that Rs. 1,000 are not sufficient to build a good house. Considering all these things, unless we find some other way to built good houses, it will be very difficult to meet our requirements. The only alternative, I feel, is that we should acquire vast areas of land, say from five acres to 50 or 100 acres, according to the requirements.

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Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The bell is being rung. The bell has stopped ringing and there is no quorum in the House. The House stands adjourned to meet again tomorrow at 11 A.M.

17.46 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Wednesday, April 6, 1966/Chaitra 16, 1888 (Saka)