

LOK SABHA

Tuesday November 24, 1964/Agrahayana 3, 1886 (Saka).

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Mr. Speaker: Questions. Q. No. 163.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: May I request that Q. 181 may also be taken up along with this?

Mr. Speaker: If it is convenient for the hon. Minister and if he thinks that the two questions can be linked up, he might answer them together.

Election Expenses

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 *163. { Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri K. N. Tiwary:
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
 Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:
 Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that on account of the existing rules and regulations relating to the elections to State Legislatures and Lok Sabha for depositing security, it is difficult for a poor man to contest elections; and

(b) if so, whether Government have under consideration any scheme to reduce the amount of such a deposit and bring the elections within the reach of every citizen?

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The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Law (Shri Jaganatha Rao): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

General Elections in U.K.

*181. Shri Surendra Pal Singh: Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a four-member delegation of the Election Commission went to the United Kingdom towards the end of September, 1964 to study the working of election machinery and party organisation and propaganda during the last General Elections in that country; and

(b) if so, the new ideas gained by the delegation which can be profitably introduced in this country?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Law (Shri Jaganatha Rao): (a) and (b). The Chief Election Commissioner and three other election officers visited Britain at the invitation of the Government of that country to witness their general elections last month. It was not intended to be a study tour; nor were they expected to submit a report to the Government of India regarding their visit.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरे सवाल के जवाब में कहा गया "नहीं"। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या गवर्नमेंट ने यह पता लगाया कि कितने लैंडलेस पार्लियामेंट के मेम्बर चुन कर आये हैं।

Shri Jaganatha Rao: We have no information about the landless persons who have come to Parliament.