

Shri S. K. Dey: There is no question of disbanding the Panchayat institutions. Nobody can disband the institutions now. The subjects that were entrusted to the Balwant Rai Mehta Committee for study were entirely different from the subjects that were remitted to the Santhanam Committee on financial resources. What was remitted to the Balwantrai Mehta Committee has already been listed in the papers that have been laid on the Table of the House.

Mr. Speaker: I do not think any further supplementaries after this answer are required.

Air-India Advertisement

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647. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri P. G. Sen:
Shri Ram Sewak:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kashmir was eliminated from the map of India being used by the Air-India in an advertisement published in the 'New York Times' which appeared in January, 1965;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken against the persons responsible for this?

The Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Nityanand Kanungo): (a) to (c). I lay a statement on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b). The advertisement captioned "We should say once that Air-India jets to Bombay daily and has the fastest service to New Delhi" was prepared by the Air-India's advertising agents in New York to highlight the Corporation's jet services to Bombay and Delhi. Bombay and Delhi were pin-pointed in a 'rough'

outline of India and not a geographical map. There was no intention to show the political or geographical boundaries of India. Since the advertisement was liable to be misunderstood, it was withdrawn immediately by the Corporation.

(c) All concerned in Air-India have been suitably instructed to be very careful whenever using maps depicting boundaries of India.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know under what circumstances this self-damaging and misleading map was published by a Government advertising agency, how much time after the publication of this map this defect was noticed, and what steps have been taken to correct it?

Shri Kanungo: As has been said in the statement, it was not a map of India, because large portions of India are not shown in it. However when a PTI message from New York showed that there was some misunderstanding, it was immediately withdrawn, and the revised advertisement went into circulation.

Shri P. C. Borooah: In view of the fact that even the Government agencies pay scant regard for the sanctity of the map of India, may I know whether Government proposes to restrict or regulate the publication of maps for advertisement purposes; if so, what steps have been taken in that regard?

Shri Kanungo: As already stated, this is not a map of India. It was only a portion of India highlighting two points, Bombay and Delhi, for the jet services.

श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : माननीय मंत्री जी ने अपने जवाब में कहा है कि यह हिन्दुस्तान का रफ़ मैप था। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि उस में काश्मीर के अतिरिक्त हिन्दुस्तान के कौन से हिस्से नहीं दिखाए गये थे और यदि केवल काश्मीर ही नहीं दिखाया गया था, तो क्या उस से यह स्पष्ट

नहीं हो जाता है कि जान-बूझ कर ऐसा किया गया था ? इस सम्बन्ध में सही स्थिति क्या है ?

Shri Kanungo: I have seen the advertisement which appeared. In it the whole of eastern India was not shown, including parts of Bihar, U.P. and Assam and a large portion of South India was also not shown, because the purpose was to highlight Bombay and Delhi.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या यह सही है कि रूस में क्रेमलिन में जो नक्शा लगा हुआ है, उस में काश्मीर डिस्प्यूटिड पार्ट—मुश्तर्का पार्ट—दिखाया गया है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : माननीय सदस्य क्रेमलिन में लगे नक्शे के बारे में पूछ रहे हैं, जिस का इस सवाल से कोई ताल्लुक नहीं है ।

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : क्या यह सही है कि एयर इंडिया के जिस मानचित्र की आज चर्चा हो रही है, सब से पहले अमरीका के किसी निवासी ने उस की ओर ध्यान आकर्षित किया था और अमरंका में हमारे राजदूतावास न एयर इंडिया की इस प्रवृत्ति को निन्दा को है ।

Shri Kanungo: I have no information as to who drew attention, but my information is that a PTI message from New York drew attention to this possible misunderstanding. It was not a map of India, as I have already said. Thereafter the advertisement was withdrawn.

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : हमारे राजदूत ने क्या लिखा ?

Shri Fatehsinhrao Gaekwad: May I know whether Government are aware of the fact that there are other carriers plying through India who distribute maps which show Kashmir as a disputed area, and if so, what steps Government propose to take?

Mr. Speaker: Others are not concerned here.

Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar: In view of the fact that this is not the first time that Kashmir was left out of the map in the Air India advertisement, may I know if such maps will not be repeated in future?

Mr. Speaker: Air India left it out earlier also?

Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar: Yes. It was brought to the notice of the previous Minister.

Mr. Speaker: Then he does not know it.

श्री रा० स० तिवारी : चीन का दावा उत्तरी हिन्दुस्तान के ऊपर है और वही भाग उस नक्शे में दिखाया नहीं गया है, क्या यह सही नहीं है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह दूसरी बात है ।

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: May I know whether the Government has utilised the services of experts in the knowledge of geography and history to defame India in the international world and, if so whether the Government has taken steps to save us from these friends?

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Hindu Religious Endowments Commission

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*648. { **Shri Hem Raj:**
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the finalisation of the recommendations of the Hindu Religious Endowments Commission;

(b) when Government propose to bring forth the necessary legislation before Parliament in this behalf;