

**Mr. Speaker:** Now, we are going into the details of the States.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : श्रीमान्, मैं ने पहला प्रश्न इस कारण से पूछा था कि राजस्थान के मुख्य मंत्री महोदय ने कई बार यह घोषित किया है कि यह अणुशक्ति का केन्द्र उन के राज्य में स्थापित होने वाला है, इस लिये क्या यह स्पष्ट कर दिया जायेगा कि कौन कौन से स्थान इस सम्बन्ध में निश्चित किये गये हैं ?

श्री दिनेश सिंह: मैं ने अभी अज्ञ किया है कि यह स्थल है कि पहला जो पावर-स्टेशन बनेगा, वह दिल्ली, पंजाब, राजस्थान और उत्तर प्रदेश के एरिया में किसी जगह बनेगा ।

**Shri Maheswar Naik:** May I know whether Government have ascertained the comparative cost of installation of a nuclear power station, and if so, how it compares with the cost of installation of an ordinary electric power station?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** Yes, Government have studied it, and it compares favourably.

**Shri Balakrishnan:** May I know whether this committee has visited the southern States like Madras, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** Yes.

समाचार पत्र उद्योग

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श्रीमती विरोमाता :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने का कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि समाचारपत्र उद्योग में स्वामित्व के केन्द्रीय और एकाधिकारिक प्रवृत्तियों का अध्ययन करने के प्रश्न

पर कुछ समय से विचार किया जा रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो सरकार कब तक इस बारे में किसी निश्चय पर पहुँचने की आशा करती है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री शामनाथ) : (क) जा, हाँ ।

(ख) बहुत जल्दा ।

**An hon. Member:** In English also.

**The Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Sham Nath):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Very shortly.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : माननीय मंत्री ने जवाब दिया है, "जी हाँ" और "बहुत जल्दी" । इतना तो सब समझ गए होंगे । इस को दोहराने की जरूरत नहीं है ।

श्री भक्त दर्शन ।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : श्रीमान्, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि समाचारपत्र उद्योग में इस तरह की जो एकाधिकार, मानापत्नी, की भावना चल रही है, उस का अध्ययन किस के द्वारा किया जा रहा है—क्या प्रेस रजिस्ट्रार के द्वारा या इस के लिये मंत्रालय में किसी विशेष अधिकारी की नियुक्ति की गई है ?

श्री शामनाथ : प्रेस रजिस्ट्रार के जरिये किया जा रहा है ।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : श्रीमान्, जहाँ तक मुझे मालूम है, इस प्रश्न पर दो वर्षों से विचार हो रहा है । मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस विषय में वे कौन सी खास अडचनें हैं जिन के कारण निर्णय लेने में इतना विलम्ब हो रहा है ?

श्री शामनाथ : १९६१ की जो पोजीशन रही है, उसके मुतालिक जब रिपोर्ट आ जायगी, उस वक्त गवर्नमेंट इस के मुतालिक फैसला करेगी ।

**Shri Ansar Harvani:** Have Government been approached by the organisations of the working journalists to appoint a committee or commission to enquire into this affair, and if so, what is the reaction of Government to the same?

**Shri Sham Nath:** Yes Sir, a resolution was passed by the working journalists at their conference held at Trivandrum, and they urged Government to appoint a high powered commission to go into this question.

**Mr Speaker:** Now, Shri S. N. Chaturvedi.

**Shri Ansar Harvani:** What is the reaction of Government to it?

**Shri Sham Nath:** The matter is under consideration.

**Mr. Speaker:** I have requested hon. Ministers to look towards me also before answering questions. Sometimes I do not allow a question, but they answer it. They would be kind enough to look towards me also before answering questions and see whether I am allowing a question or not.

**Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:** Has the study been completed, and what is the trend discovered about concentration of ownership of newspapers?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. B. Gopala Reddi):** The report has not yet been published. As far as this matter is concerned, it is under consideration. We are looking into the matter.

**Shri P. K. Deo:** May I know if Government are considering following in the footsteps of the Ceylonese Government to nationalise all papers?

**Dr. B. Gopala Reddi:** I do not know what is happening in Ceylon.

**Shri Warrior:** According to Government's knowledge, which are the monopolies at present operating in India?

**Dr. B. Gopala Reddi:** It all depends on what we call a monopoly. Therefore, we have to see various aspects of the question.

**Shri M. K. Kumaran:** The Press Commission had recommended that the establishment of a Press Council would be of a great help in this regard. Do Government propose to take any action in the matter?

**Dr. B. Gopala Reddi:** We are considering that aspect also, of appointing a Press Council.

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Along with this study, is a study also being undertaken of the trends of monopoly and centralisation in news agencies?

**Dr. B. Gopala Reddi:** Every aspect of the question is under consideration.

**Shri Shah Lal Saraf:** In view of the fact that some leading newspapers sometimes fundamentally differ from the policies of Government, particularly on the issue of socialism to which we are wedded. . . .

**Mr. Speaker:** He is arguing. Let him ask a question direct.

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** Do Government recognise the urgency of taking a speedy decision in the matter in view of the urgent social changes taking place in the country?

**Dr. B. Gopala Reddi:** We do not want various shades of public opinion to be expressed. We do not want any particular view alone to be canvassed. Therefore, we want to see that there is no monopoly and no one-sided opinion expressed.

#### Paper Mill in Kashmir

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Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of Soviet experts with Indian experts visited Chenab Valley in Jammu and Kash-