

के अनुसार क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने उन राज्यों के साथ, जिन्होंने हिन्दी को अपनी सरकारी भाषा के रूप में अपनाया है, अपने पत्र-व्यवहार में अंग्रेजी के साथ-साथ हिन्दी को भी अपना लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन राज्यों के नाम क्या हैं और इसे कब से अपनाया गया है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) इनके कब से अपनाये जाने की सम्भावना है ?

**गृह मंत्रालय में मंत्री (श्री दातार):**  
(क), (ग) तथा (घ): राज्य सरकारों के साथ, जिन्होंने हिन्दी को सरकारी भाषा के रूप में अपना लिया है, पत्र-व्यवहार अंग्रेजी में होता है किन्तु सुविधानुसार उन पत्रों के साथ उनका हिन्दी अनुवाद भी भेजा जाता है।

(ख) बिहार, उत्तर प्रदेश, राजस्थान तथा भूतपूर्व मध्य प्रदेश, मध्य भारत तथा विन्ध्य प्रदेश।

**श्री सु० चं० सोषिया:** यह अनुवाद का भेजना कब तक जारी रहेगा ?

**श्री दातार:** जब तक प्रेजिडेंट साहब का सकार्युत्तर अमल में रहेगा।

**श्री भक्त बर्शन:** क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि किन्हीं राज्य सरकारों ने यह भी मांग की है कि उनके साथ केवल हिन्दी माध्यम के द्वारा ही पत्रव्यवहार किया जाए ?

**श्री दातार:** अंग्रेजी में पत्रव्यवहार होता है और उसके साथ हिन्दी अनुवाद भी रहता है।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय:** वह पृथक्ता चाहते हैं कि क्या हिन्दी में ही केवल पत्र-व्यवहार करने के लिए किसी राज्य सरकार ने कहा है ?

**श्री दातार:** दोनों होनी चाहियें।

#### Income Tax Investigation Commission

\*1119. **Shri Krishnacharya Joahi:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the life of the Income Tax Investigation Commission will be extended beyond the 31st December, 1956; and

(b) if so, the period thereof ?

**The Minister of Revenue and Civil Expenditure (Shri M. C. Shah):** (a) The matter is under consideration of the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Foreign Exchange Reserves

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\*1120. { **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of the foreign exchange reserves as on the 1st of December, 1956; and

(b) how it compares with the position on the 1st December, 1955 ?

**The Minister of Finance and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) At the end of October, 1956, the last month for which figures are available, India's net foreign exchange reserves stood at Rs. 688.65 crores. However, at the end of November, 1956, the sterling balances, which constitute the major portion of these reserves, amounted to Rs. 536.53 crores.

(b) At the end of November, 1955, the net foreign exchange reserves stood at Rs. 767.64 crores, the sterling balances standing at 719.69 crores.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** From the reply of the hon. Minister, it seems that our foreign exchange position has dwindled and there has been lot of withdrawals from the foreign exchange resources recently. What specific steps have Government taken to see that our foreign exchange position improves ?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** The foreign exchange reserves have certainly come down, and steps are being taken to remedy the situation as has been mentioned on previous occasions, namely, putting a check on imports that are not necessary for the Plan and seeing if we cannot augment our exports.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** In view of the fact that there has been a sharp decline in the gold and dollar reserves of the sterling area, how far has it affected our sterling reserves because the sterling reserves are our greater foreign exchange assets ?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari :** I believe there is a question coming up later.

**Mr. Speaker :** I think there is a separate Short Notice Question coming up.

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari :** In any event, whatever the position of the sterling area, to that extent it is also reflected in the stability of our sterling reserves.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha :** May I know whether it is a fact that the Government have approached the International Monetary Fund for the purchase of currency from them, and if so, with what results ?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari :** These are things which a Government which has to plan to implement does from time to time. I am not in a position to say now that I have made any approach, because I have not. But it is one of the things that we always keep in mind, that we can draw upon the IMF for certain assistance in times of emergency.

**Shri Sadhan Gupta :** May I know what reserves are next in importance to sterling reserves in our foreign exchange reserves ? If they are dollar reserves, what is the amount of those reserves ?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari :** So far as official reserves are concerned, they are all in sterling.

**Shri K. P. Tripathi :** What has been the repatriation of capital from this country by way of sale of foreign concerns, and dividends, in the last year, and how has it affected the sterling reserves ?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari :** I am not able to give a precise figure, but it is well under what we expect the normal repatriation to be—Rs. 12 crores a year.

**Shri K. C. Sodhia :** What is the minimum of the sterling reserves below which we cannot go ?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari :** The hon. Member would be aware that we amended the Reserve Bank Act sometime ago and this House decreed that the minimum should be Rs. 400 crores.

#### **Buddhist Temple in Kirghizia**

\*1121. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh :** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware that ruins of a Buddhist temple of the 7th Century have been unearthed in AK-Beshim in the Chu Valley of Kirghizia (U.S.S.R.);

(b) if so, whether Government have sought any information regarding those ruins from the archaeological department of the U.S.S.R.; and

(c) if so, the information that has been received ?

**The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das) :** (a) Government have no information beyond what has appeared in press reports about the discovery.

(b) and (c). An enquiry has been made and a reply is awaited.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh :** May I know whether there is any intention on the part of Government to send any officer of the Archaeological Department to find out details of the ruins ?

**Dr. M. M. Das :** It depends upon the information that we receive from the Soviet Government.

#### **Rocket Satellite**

\*1081. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh :** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has agreed to cooperate with the Smithsonian Institute of America in carrying out the plan to send up a rocket satellite and follow its movements afterwards;

(b) if so, what arrangements will have to be made in India to carry out this plan; and

(c) whether any work has been undertaken in this regard ?

**The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali) :** (a) to (c). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 42].

**Mr. Speaker :** The question list is over. Those hon. Members who were absent when their questions were called, may now put those questions. None of those Members is present.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao :** May I request that question No. 1094 be answered ?

**Mr. Speaker :** Yes.

#### **Price of Naharkatiya Oil**

\*1094. **Shri Gadilingana Gowd :** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of India will accept the internationally quoted crude oil price for the refinery at Naharkatiya (Assam) which will be controlled completely by Government; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?