

Request to Prime Minister by former Punjab Chief Minister to intervene in campaign against him

3895. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF:
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a request by the former Punjab Chief Minister was made to the Prime Minister to intervene in what he called calculated campaign of victimisation of political opponents, especially Congressmen by the present regime;

(b) whether he has also urged the Prime Minister to put an end to high-handed and undemocratic methods being employed by the State Government in instituting false cases against his supporters and sympathisers merely to extract evidence for use against him; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): (a) to (c). Shri Zail Singh, former Chief Minister of Punjab had recently addressed letters to the Prime Minister alleging persecution of his relatives and political sympathisers by the Punjab Government. These letters were forwarded by the Prime Minister to the Chief Minister of Punjab.

The State Government has reported that there is no basis for the allegations contained in Shri Zail Singh's letters to PM and that there is no victimization of political opponents, nor have any false cases been instituted.

Intention to develop Small Scale Industries

3896. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state what kind of incentives are extended to persons

from the weaker sections who want to set up industrial units in rural sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): Incentives for setting up small scale industries in rural and backward areas are given under three programmes i.e., (a) backward area development, (b) rural industries project and (c) rural artisan project. Persons from weaker sections are also eligible for incentives given under these programmes but these programmes are not specific for weaker sections. Differential interest rate scheme operated by various banks adopts the criteria of low income for getting the benefit of the scheme.

जे० सी० बी० प्रैस का कार्यकरण

3897. श्री मही लाल : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जे० सी० बी० का लैटर प्रैस भारत सरकार के प्रैस की भांति स्वतन्त्र रूप में कार्य कर रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो जे० सी० बी० का फोटो लीथो प्रैस भी इस पद्धति पर स्थापित किया गया है अथवा स्थापित किया जा रहा है ;

(ग) क्या भारत सरकार के प्रैस की भांति इन दो प्रैसों को प्रशासनिक और तकनीकी दृष्टि से कुशलता से चलाने के उद्देश्य से सरकार का विचार इनमें भी जनरल मैनेजर की नियुक्ति करने का है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उक्त नियुक्ति कब तक की जायेगी ?