

आसाम पुनर्गठन योजना की आलोचना

3145. श्री एस० एम० जोशी : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आसाम पहाड़ी जिले में कुछ बँठकों में आसाम के पुनर्गठन संबंधी प्रस्तावों की कड़ी आलोचना की गई थी ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो आलोचकों का मुख्य तर्क तथा मांग क्या थी ; और

(ग) इस बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

गृह कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य-मन्त्री (श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल) : (क) और (ख). पहाड़ी जिलों के कुछ भागों में बँठकों की गई थी जिनमें आसाम के भीतर एक स्वायत्त राज्य के गठन की योजना का खण्डन तथा एक पृथक पहाड़ी राज्य के निर्माण की मांग करते हुए संकल्प पारित किए गये ।

(ग) सरकार समझती है कि एक स्वायत्त राज्य का निर्माण, जिसकी घोषणा पहले ही की गई है, न कि पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों के लिए एक पृथक राज्य का निर्माण, असम के पहाड़ी तथा घाटी, दोनों क्षेत्रों के लोगों के लिये यथेष्ट रूप में हितकर होगा ।

केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों द्वारा विमान द्वारा की गई यात्रा

3146. श्री एस० एम० जोशी :

श्री बेणी शंकर शर्मा :

श्री बीरेन्द्र कुमार शाह :

क्या गृह कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हाल में हुए मध्याह्न चुनावों के संबंध में केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों तथा प्रधान मंत्री ने विमान द्वारा कुल कितने मील यात्रा की ?

(ख) इनमें से कितनी विमान यात्राएं सरकारी खर्च पर की गई ;

(ग) क्या कोई ऐसे भी मामले हैं जबकि

कोई मंत्री सरकारी काम से विमान द्वारा किसी जगह गया हो और वहाँ से वह दिल्ली वापस आने की बजाय चुनाव अभियान पर चला गया हो ; और

(घ) यदि हाँ, तो इस बारे में विस्तृत ब्यौरा क्या है ?

गृह कार्य मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री श्री के० एस० रामास्वामी) : (क) तथा (ख). इस संबंध में ये प्रादेश हैं कि केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों द्वारा चुनाव अभियान के संबंध में किये गये दौरे सरकारी दौरे न समझे जाय । अतः सरकारी खर्च पर ऐसी यात्राओं के लिये जाने का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता । यात्राओं के व्योरे उपलब्ध नहीं है क्योंकि ये सरकारी दौरे नहीं हैं ।

(ग) तथा (घ). सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है तथा सदन के सभा पटल पर रख जायगी ।

U. G. C. Team for Closure of Parapsychology Units in Rajasthan University

3147. SHRI D. N. PATODIA :  
SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA ;  
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :  
SHRI CHENGALRAYA  
NAIDU :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a three-member team of the University Grants Commission recently visited the Rajasthan University and passed strictures against the continuance of the Para-Psychology units of the University ;

(b) what is the assistance that the University Grants Commission gives to the University for these units ; and

(c) whether the University Grants Commission team has also suggested closure of these units and, if so, on what grounds ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR .V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) The Committee appointed by the University Grants Commission visited the Rajasthan University on the 19th and 20th April, 1968. The Committee in its

report has made certain observations on the functioning of the Para-Psychology unit.

(b) So far the University grants Commission has paid a sum of Rs. 45,000 to the University for the Unit.

(c) The Committee was of the opinion that there will be no advantage in continuing the Para Psychology Unit in its present form, as it will result in waste of resources and in alienating the sympathies of the academic community in India and abroad from Para-Psychology and also undermining its claim to being a scientific discipline.

#### Promotion of Cultural Tourism in India

3148. SHRI D. N. PATODIA :  
SHRI VALMIKI CHOU-  
DHARY :

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sought the assistance of an U. N. expert to aid and advise in promoting cultural tourism ;

(b) if so, the details of the plans drawn up for which the U. N. assistance has been sought ; and

(c) whether Rajasthan has been included in the said plan ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The U. N. Expert on Cultural Tourism, Dr. F. R. Allchin, is at present visiting major centres of archaeological and cultural interest in the country. He has already visited Jaipur, Udaipur and Ranakpur in Rajasthan. After completing his visits he will advise the Department how best to ensure their preservation and promote them as tourist attractions.

#### Central Government Permission to run Lotteries in States

3149. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether before starting State lotteries, the State Governments are required to seek the permission of the Central Government ; and

(b) if so, the States which have sought such permission and in respect of which the permission has been given ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) and (b). The Government of India have permitted all states wishing to conduct State lotteries to do so subject to the condition that the tickets of such a lottery will not be sold in another State without the express consent of the Government of that State.

#### Inability of Indian Ports to handle bigger Ships

3150. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that for want of adequate facilities, the Indian Ports are unable to handle bigger ships and are deprived of the benefit available to other countries of the world ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that for want of many other adequate facilities at the Indian ports the incidence of freight charges on merchandise handled by Indian Ports is nearly the highest in the world for comparable distance ;

(c) if so, the extent of loss incurred by Indian Ports due to high incidence of freight ; and

(d) the steps that have been taken and improvements made in 1968 to remove the difficulties of the Indian ports and whether these facilities have been able to reduce the incidence of freight charges incurred on Indian merchandise ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI IQBAL SINGH) : (a) Since Independence, under the successive Five Year Plans, several improvements have been made at the Indian major ports so as to enable them to handle bigger ships and, in constructing new Ports, the aim has always been to provide increased drafts and improved facilities to the maximum extent possible. Shipping technology has been undergoing rapid changes in recent years and facilities at ports in several parts of