

Title: Regarding planning for the disinvestment of Air India.

SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH (TAMLUK): Sir, today a news has figured in the newspapers that the Government of India is planning for the disinvestment of Air India. Air India is the symbol of our national self-reliance. Not only Air India is the pride of our country but also it is having a huge asset throughout the country. It is understood that the Government of India is planning for the disinvestment of 49 per cent of the share, and 26 per cent of the share will be given to the strategic partner. So, it is meant for privatisation through the backdoor. In this way, the Government is planning for subsidising the losses. They are privatising the profits. ...*(Interruptions)* So, this is a very important issue.

Today, there is a huge rally by the various Central Trade Unions including the BMS, a unit of the BJP. They are also rallying in the street against the so-called economic policy. So, in the present perspective, this Government's economic policy should be changed. Otherwise, the whole country's economy will be seriously affected....*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

*(Interruptions)**

श्री नवल किशोर राय : अध्यक्ष जी, सरकार की तरफ से कोई वक्तव्य इस पर आना चाहिए।

* Not Recorded

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Nawal Kishore Rai, I cannot compel the Government. You want response to everything. How can you do it? It is too much.