

chase of groundnut oil and also one then to release the entire stock of groundnut oil available will them for immediate sale in Gujarat only so that the price of the oil could be brought under control.

**(vii) Need to set up powerful T.V. relay centres at Bikaner, Raishingh Nagar and Khajowala in Rajasthan**

SHRI SHOPAT SINGH MAKKASAR (Bikaner): Four districts of Rajasthan viz. Ganganagar, Bikaner, Jaisalmer and Barmer are located along Pakistan Border. Being a deserted area, it is spread over vast stretches of land. In terms of border security, the T.V. centres and the A.I.R. have an important place for the residents of this area. In this regional only such Programmes as are telecast by the powerful T.V. centres and broad caste by powerful Radio Stations of Pakistan are to be viewed resident of this areas and it is but natural that Pakistan propropaganda tend to influence residing in there border areas. No powerful T.V. centres and Radio Stations have so far been set up by the Central Government in this area stretching over thousands of Kilometres, and as a result of this the residents of this vast areas rely on the programmes telecast by the Pakistan media. Low Power T.V. relay centres are functioning in Hanumangarh, Suratgarh, Anupgarh and Bikaner including Gangagir and the transmission range of these centres not more than 15 to 25 kilometres so their programmes cannot be viewed beyond that distance. Under the above circumstances I would like to request the central Government to set up powerful T.V. centres in my constituency Bikaner and Raishingh Nagar and Khajowala in Ganganager in the interest of the security of our borders and with a view to combat the propaganda being made by the Pakistani media.

[English]

**(viii) Need to look into the grievances of November, 1984 riots**

SHRI RAJDEV SINGH (Sangrur): Two

members of Riots Relief and Rehabilitation Society, the representative body of victims of November, 1984 violence are on relay fast since 12.2.1990, which has turned into a fast unto death from 9.3.1990, at the Prime Minister's residence. I draw the attention of the Government for early solution of their grievances.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now Shri I.K.Gujral will make a SUO MOTU statement on Nepal.

Mr. Gujral, the normal procedure is that you will have get permission of the Chair before making a statement. Along with the request, you will have send a copy of the statement also. So, in future, at least you should do that.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K.GUJRAL): I will do that. This was in response to the demand which was made in this House this morning.

14.54 hrs.

**STATEMENT BY MINISTER RESTORATION OF MULTI-PARTY DEMOCRACY IN NEPAL**

[English]

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K.GUJRAL): As the House knows, as a result of a peaceful and valiant mass movement in Nepal during the past three months, there has been agreement that multi-party democracy in Nepal shall be restored. This is an hour of happiness for the Nepalese polity. We believe it is a victory for peace, prosperity, development, democracy and happy relations with India. The people of India have, since time immemorial, and the closest of links with the people of Nepal. We, therefore, share their happiness as also their trials and tribulations.

Momentous changes are taking place round the world at an unprecedented pace.

[Sh. I.K. Gujral]

14.58 hrs.

The winds of liberalisation, freedom and democracy have been blowing across our planet. India is a democracy and our people are committed to democratic values. We are full of hope and faith in the aspirations of our Nepalese brethren for a liberal and truly democratic policy. There has been an arduous struggle, under a courageous and united leadership. It has borne fruit. In securing these political changes, the people of Nepal have opened a new chapter in the history of their land. This chapter must be full of promise, the beginning of a new dawn of peace, progress and national reconciliation.

We regret that many innocent lives have been lost due to the undue use of violence. Our hearts go out to the bereaved families. We offer them our deepest sympathy. Our sympathy also goes to the much larger number who have been injured.

India is the world's largest democracy. Our commitment to the cause of democracy, of equality and human dignity is well known and needs no reiteration. We thus have a natural sympathy for the quest of the people of Nepal for a truly democratic system of Government. We shared their goals, we understood their values and valued their aspirations. The leading lights of Asia resurgence, Gandhiji, Shri Jaya Prakash Narayan, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia and our first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had a wide vision and all the time they emphasised the universality of freedom and democratic urges. India has upheld their outlook that binds our people together additionally. As a responsible member of the international community, India continues to adhere to the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries.

We have every confidence that the future will see the peoples of Nepal and India, united in heart and mind as ever, working together for the benefit of our two countries.

Thank you

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[*English*]

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House shall now take up further discussion and voting on the Demand for Grant under the control of the Ministry of External Affairs.

Shri Sontosh Mohan Dev to continue his speech.

SHRI PIYARE LAL HANDOO (Anantnag): Mr. Chairman, it is two minutes to 3 PM. Can I expect the Government to come forth with any statement after 3 PM about the unfortunate fate of the kidnapped persons in Srinagar I expect the Government to collect information from Srinagar and inform the House.... (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI DHARM PAL SHARMA (Udhampur): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have given a notice for a Calling Attention and the deadline ends at 3.0 O'clock. So I would like to know the latest position from the Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is not the time to raise all these issues. You could have done it during Zero Hour.

Shri Sontosh Mohan Dev to continue his speech.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV (Tripura West): Mr. Chairman, Sir, on Thursday I was on my legs and today I have been asked to continue. Meanwhile, many changes have taken place... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI INDER JIT (Darjeeling): At what time will the Foreign Minister reply, we would like to know?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I cannot tell you now.