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केसेज मेरे देखने में आये जिनमें किसानों ने अनियमित टैक्सेशन के खिलाफ टैक्स कलेक्टर के यहां अपील की तो फैसला हुआ कि सरकार सारी तम्बाकू को वापस ले ले। साल भर से फैसला हुआ पड़ा है लेकिन वह लोग वापस नहीं लेते हैं इसलिये कि तम्बाकू की पैदावार की मिकदार कम है लेकिन टैक्स वापसी का रुपया ज्यादा है। इस तरह के मैं पचासों केसेज बतला सकता हूं। वहां पर कि गरीबों पर एक्साइज इयूटी के नाम पर गलत तरीके से टैक्सेशन हो रहा है और इसका असर गरीब जनता पर गलत तरीके से पड़ रहा है। मैं चाहता हूं कि सरकार इस और ध्यान दे। अगर आप मांगेंगे तो मैं सौ पचास केसेज आप को दे सकता हूं।

श्री मोरारजी देसाई : मांगने की क्या जरूरत है, अगर आप को कुछ करवाना है तो देना चाहिये।

श्री गणपति राम : जी हां, मैं दूंगा आप को।

16.32 hrs.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Speaker: Before I call upon the Finance Minister, may I make an announcement to the House?

I have received the following message dated the 21st March, 1962, from the President:—

"I have received with great satisfaction the expression of thanks by the Members of the Lok Sabha for the Address I delivered to both the Houses of Parliament assembled together on the 12th March, 1962."

GENERAL BUDGET—GENERAL
DISCUSSION—contd.

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): Generally, in the general debate on the Budget, every subject is relevant. The presentation of this Budget has only a limited purpose, because the regular Budget will be presented before the new Parliament next month, and therefore, we have seen that the debate has also taken a limited shape.

But, as we have come out just from the elections, elections also have occupied a large part of the time during this debate as also in the debate on the President's Address. I do not want to take the time of the House in referring to the elections or to the various criticisms made as regards elections because the Prime Minister has dealt with this subject fully in the course of his reply to the debate on the President's Address, and I do not think that anything new has been said or requires to be said in that connection.

But I might mention one thing as regards the criticism that the functioning of Government has not been very satisfactory and that there is great discontent among the people all around. The elections have shown that in spite of a concerted effort to run down the Government in every place, in all sorts of ways, not depending upon facts but depending more on fables and caricatures and all that, the party which runs this Government has got a majority, and, therefore, the people have on the whole accepted that the criticism is not correct substantially. I cannot say that the criticism is not correct at all or that there is no truth in it, but on the whole that criticism has not been accepted by the people.

It is not possible for me at this stage to speak anything about the