

12.18 hrs.

**APOLOGY BY EDITOR OF
HINDUSTAN TIMES**

Mr. Speaker: On the 27th March, 1967, I had informed the House regarding a notice of question of privilege given by Sarvashri Madhu Limaye and George Fernandes against the Hindustan Times for publishing a report in its issue dated the 24th March, 1967, which was allegedly a misrepresentation of certain proceedings of the House and cast a reflection on Shri George Fernandes, a Member of the House. The House had then agreed that the Editor of the Hindustan Times might be asked in the first instance to state what he had to say in the matter for the consideration of the House.

I have now received the following reply, dated the 28th March, 1967, from the Editor of the Hindustan Times:

"We regret the inadvertent lapse in the publication of our report on the Lok Sabha proceedings of March 23, 1967 in respect of Mrs. Tarkeshwari Sinha's reference to the utilisation of CIA funds.

I have inquired into the matter and find that the proceedings do not entirely justify the statement attributed by our Special Correspondent to Mrs. Sinha. In our report, she is credited with having alleged 'the S.S.P. leader George Fernandes had benefited from C.I.A. sources when he was connected with the Hind Mazdoor Sabha'. The correspondent, who covered the proceedings, did not reproduce the exact statement made by Mrs. Sinha. His explanation is that he misheard her.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that the news item may have

caused and assure you that the publication was a genuine error."

If the House agrees, the apology tendered by the Editor of the Hindustan Times may be accepted. He may, however, be asked to publish his letter of apology together with the actual statement made by Shrimati Sinha in the House on the 23rd March, 1967, in the next issue of his paper on its front page. The matter may, thereafter, be closed.

12.21 hrs.

RE POINT OF PRIVILEGE

श्री जयु सिन्घे (मुंबेर) : विशेषाधिकार खत्म नहीं हुआ है ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह तो खत्म हुआ ।

श्री जयु सिन्घे : यह तो खत्म हुआ । लेकिन दूसरा सवाल है ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : दूसरा कैसा है? यह तो हो गया है न ?

श्री जयु सिन्घे : यह तो हो गया है । विशेषाधिकार के बारे में मैंने दूसरा नोटिस दिया है ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : उसको फिर देखेंगे ।

श्री जयु सिन्घे : तीन मिनट मेरी बात धाप सुन लीजिये उसके बाद निर्णय दें ।

Mr. Speaker: We are going to the next subject.

श्री जयु सिन्घे : धाप सुन लें श्री धाप निर्णय देंगे उसको हम मान लेंगे ।

Mr. Speaker: I have sent him a reply.

श्री जयु सिन्घे : आपने जो उत्तर भेजा है उसीके सम्बन्ध में है । हम सोचते थे कि धाप लीका देंगे ।