

रेडियोयूनान फार्म कीजिए उसके बाद हम करवा देंगे। आप जां बड़े वही करना है यह तो ठीक नहीं है। एक तरीके से ही काम चलेगा। इसमें सारा हाउस आपका साथ देने के लिए तैयार है उसके बाद भी आप जिद करते हैं, यह तो कोई बात नहीं है।

श्री मनोराम बागड़ी : अध्यक्ष जी, हमारी मांग है कि इस सदन को दो-तीन दिन के लिए बन्द कर दिया जाए। इस लोक सभा को दो-तीन दिन के लिए आप बन्द कर दो, सारे लीडर वहाँ गुजरात में पहुँचो और शांति मिशन करो। इसके लिए आप प्रस्ताव पास करो।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप पास करके जाओ, रोका किसने है ?

श्री मनोराम बागड़ी : पास कर दो और दो-तीन दिन के लिए हाउस बन्द कर दो।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : बातचीत करके, कुछ सुझाव ले कर तब करेंगे। शाम को पास कर देंगे। मैंने कह दिया सब कुछ करना है फिर क्या चाहते हैं आप ?

श्री मनोराम बागड़ी : आज अगर दस क्वेश्चन्स नहीं आए यहाँ पर और गुजरात में **

(Interruptions)**

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing is going on record.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA (Tumkur): Can the Members of the House utilise the Question Hour for agitating and demanding a discussion? They should utilise it only for asking Questions.

MR. SPEAKER: You are right, Mr. Lakkappa.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: Kindly regulate it. Let the Question Hour be utilised only for asking Questions.

श्री भीष्म नारायण सिंह : अध्यक्ष जी, मैंने शुरू में निवेदन किया कि बागड़ी जी की जो भावना है, इस पक्ष में या उस पक्ष में जो बैठे हैं सभी की भावना गुजरात के सबंध में एक ही है, इसमें कोई दो रायें नहीं हैं। अब सवाल यह रह गया कि इसको किस तरह से लिया जाए तो क्वेश्चन आवर के बाद जैसा आप निर्णय लेंगे उससे हम बंधे हुए हैं, उसके अनुसार हम चलेंगे। इसके बारे में और कोई दूसरी बात मैं क्या कह सकता हूँ ?

श्री मनोराम बागड़ी : यानी क्वेश्चन आवर के बाद यह निर्णय होगा तो ठीक है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : रूल 184 के हिसाब से करवा देंगे। कोई तो नियम होगा ही जिसके हिसाब से हम चलेंगे।

श्री मनोराम बागड़ी : किसी भी नियम के हिसाब से आप कर दो। चाहे भीष्म नारायण सिंह जी की तरफ से कर दो या किसी की तरफ से कर दो लेकिन यह प्रस्ताव सारे सदन की तरफ से पास हो जाए।

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Indian Expertise for non-aligned News Agencies Pool

*392. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has offered to provide its expertise for the deve-

development of the non-aligned nations' news agency pool; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUDHEN M. JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India made a general offer during the Sixth Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the Press Agencies Pool of Non-aligned Countries held in New Delhi in February, 1981 to the Pool participating news agencies for sharing with them her professional and technical experience in the field for developing a balanced flow of information. The nature of the Indian assistance will depend on what Pool participating news agencies may seek and what India may be in a position to meet.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: May I know from the hon. Minister whether it is not a fact that in the conference of non-aligned nations held in Delhi in 1976, this idea was mooted to have a non-aligned news agencies pool in which there should be full, free and balanced flow of information? If so, what has been that result and what has been the advance of the news agencies pool since it was established in 1976?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): The non-aligned news agencies pool was established in pursuance of the decision taken in 1976. Since then it has been working successfully. More than 70 countries are already members of the non-aligned news agencies pool. Recently there was a meeting of the Coordinating Committee in Delhi in February and decisions have been taken to set up news agencies and arrange for free flow of information between the non-aligned countries and the developing countries. We have also established programmes of giving assistance for the development of journalism. The Indian

Institute of Mass Communication is admitting large number of students from the developing countries for training them in the field of journalism and exchange of information.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Has India been getting from this news pool any information regarding technological advancement in communication development, in electro-magnetic spectrum, in geo-strategic objects? What has been the effect on communication tariffs and what sort of information or what sort of expertise is being sought by India, by the Non-aligned News Agencies?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: We are utilising all the modern technology that is required for the exchange of information. At present on the Indian side, the premier agency of India, P.T.I., is handling the news agency pool and every day we exchange about 40,000 words of information. We also use the satellite for exchange of programmes in arrangement with Yugoslavia and other countries. We are aware of the latest technological development in computer technology and others which are also being utilised. So, India is taking every possible measure to utilise the modern technology for the development of communication links with the non-aligned countries.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: The news that we get in India as well as all non-aligned countries come from the agencies like Reuters, Associated Press, etc. and they have a Western bias. We do not know anything about Africa and other Asian countries. For this it is necessary to take up the non-aligned news pool with a sense of much greater urgency than what we have devoted to it so far possibly. May I know how much funds are being allotted for the development of this non-aligned news pool by the Government of India and whether India will seek or has sought the cooperation of the UNESCO in this venture? If so, what are the details thereof?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: The UNESCO at its recent meeting in Belgrade has decided to strengthen the flow of information particularly among the developing countries; and the International Programme on Development and Communication known as I.P.D.C. has been set up, for which the UNESCO has provided some funds. I do not have the exact figures on that. India is participating in this and a decision was taken at the Ministers' second Conference in Baghdad held in June, to strengthen the broadcasting organisation of non-aligned countries and other recommendations were made under the aegis of the non-aligned movement on the subject. Therefore, we are in close collaboration with the UNESCO to strengthen the free flow of information and balance the information among the developing countries. But I agree with the hon. Member that much more needs to be done for the exchange of information between the developing countries and the non-aligned countries.

DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH: What about the figures regarding funds allotted?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: I said that I would not be able to give the exact figures.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Is it not a fact that despite the sponsorship and the assistance of the non-aligned news pool our news agencies are still depending much more on the Western news agencies? If so, may I know whether the Government has taken any survey to see how much of this non-aligned news pool is being used? Secondly, if it is revealed that there is little use of it, what is being done by the Government to make better and full use of it?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: As far as the exchange of news is concerned and providing news is concerned, the whole object of the non-aligned news agencies pool is to supply informa-

tion because, as the hon. Member rightly said, up till now we have been depending on the Western news agencies. As I told you just now, today we have reached a level of exchanging nearly 40,000 words of news per day with the non-aligned countries. Now, how much of it is used depends on each country and its newspapers.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: My question is about the news coming from the non-aligned countries.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: I am talking of the same. The wordage that I mentioned pertains to that. Now, with regard to the question as to how much of it is being used by the news media, newspapers and other media, that differs from country to country. I agree that much more use needs to be made of this information. India is, of course, making use of this. But again in India also as far as the press is concerned, we cannot tell them that they must use this much information or not use this much information, but on other media, like radio and TV, we are utilising a substantial part of the information that we get.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: I am very happy that our Government took a leading part in organising the development of the non-aligned nations news agency pool. The hon. Minister has stated right now that there is the Institute of Mass Communication; the Government of India has invested money on it. I would like to know with regard to the exchange of students for training among the non-aligned countries. Which are the countries that are participating in this and taking advantage of the training in this institute?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: We have in the last three years trained journalists from nearly thirty countries in the course on news agency. These are non-aligned countries. Sixty-two students have taken advantage of the training course through the Institute of Mass Communication.