

## LOK SABHA

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The Lok Sabha met at three minutes  
past Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Sir, before you proceed with the questions on the bulletin I would like to make a point because this is a record of the proceedings of the House and there is an error which has crept in. I am sure it is due to oversight, but it needs to be corrected.

SHRI MADHU DANDAVATE: It is due to an oversight. It needs to be corrected.

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA: Sir, this procedure is not to be adopted because every day during question hour they are raising it.

MR. SPEAKER: I will see.

## ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Incentives and Disincentives to Check Population

\*640. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow more incentives and impose disincentives in order to check population growth in India; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Sir, while replying to a Calling Attention notice on the floor of the House, the Hon. Minister had enumerated a series of measures to curb the population of the country. So, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether those measures are not the incentive schemes of the Government of India? If so, how does he give this answer: 'No, Sir.'?

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR: Sir, definitely we have been telling this. In the States as well as the Central Government there are no disincentives at present. Some incentives in the form of compensation are being given to Central Government employees. If you like I will enunciate those things.

About the second part of his Question, he asks: what are our programmes? We have a Population Policy and I can enumerate one or two items under this. The present population Policy is as follows:

The National Family Welfare Programme will be implemented through integrated delivery of health and family welfare services with particular stress on maternal and child welfare; the objective of the population policy is to reduce the production rate to one by 1995, which will entail the reduction of the birth rate to 21 per thousand population and the death rate to 9 per thousand population, provision of adequate infrastructure for delivery of family welfare services and

adequate follow up; launching of campaign. We are giving more importance to this, Sir, to educate the people about the small family norms. These are some of the programmes we are taking up vigorously.

SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Sir, I seek your protection. Are these not measures for providing incentives to the people who come forward for population control? How can the answer be 'No'? I asked whether there was any incentive. He says, 'No'. On the other hand, he enumerated the old schemes. How can the answer be 'No'?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : राम विलास जी, जब 'स्पष्ट' को अस्पष्ट' कहते हैं, तो इस 'नो' को 'येस' समझ लो ।

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR: The question is: "whether Government propose to allow more incentives...."

SHRI ARJUN SETHI: My second supplementary is this: the Census just concluded reveals that we are likely to have some sort of a population explosion in the country. In this context, I would like to know whether any specific measures are being taken by the Government in view of the recent population figures to check the growth in the coming decade?

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR: We are trying to motivate our population to have the small family norm. These motivation programmes have been enunciated. I can inform the hon. Member that firstly, we have decided to strengthen—and enlarge—the climate in favour of the National Family Welfare Programme through mass media; secondly, we are trying to achieve its increasing acceptance through group discussions and Inter-personal communications, and thirdly, through the introduction of population education in the formal and non-formal systems already in vogue.

Here, I can also say that it is well known that planned socio-economic development, and equitable distribution of benefits would be elusive if the

level of population growth exceeds the feasible levels of investment. That is why we have given more importance to the small family norm, and we expect that all eligible couples will practice the small family norm. In that way, we are trying to achieve Data. We are involving the media to a large extent.

श्री रामनाथदुबे : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं मंत्री महोदय से पूछना चाहूंगा कि क्या सरकार फैमिली प्लानिंग के लिए लोगों को एजुकेट करने के अलावा परिवार नियोजन को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए जैसे बामा कम्पनी में एजेण्ट नियुक्त किये जाते हैं, उसी तरह से कोई कार्यक्रम बिना जोर-जबर्दस्ती किये परिवार नियोजन के लिए लोगों को समझाने-बुझाने का शुरु कर रही है ? ... (व्यवधान) ...

श्री रामनगोना मिश्र : मुझे भी एक प्रश्न पूछ लेने दोजिए क्योंकि यह एक बहुत महत्वपूर्ण सवाल है ।

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR: We are giving more encouragement to motivators.

श्री रामनाथ दुबे : : मेरे प्रश्न का जवाब नहीं आया है । (व्यवधान) ...

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER: The hon. Minister, in his reply, has spoken about the programme to check population growth. I want to know whether he will include an item in this programme. I suggest that if there is a married, but unemployed youth and if he accepts this formula for checking population growth, he should be given employment. Will the Minister include this suggestion in the programme which he enunciated earlier?

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR: We include all sections of our population and unemployed youths also come under that.

श्री रामनगोना मिश्र: मान्यवर, मेरा एक निजी अनुभव है कि जितने क्वेश्चन पूछे जा रहे हैं, जितने मंत्री आर्गुमेंट दे रहे हैं इन से परिवार नियोजन नहीं हो सकता।

अध्यक्ष महोदय: आप बता दीजिए जैसे हो सकता है।

श्री राम नगोना मिश्र: मान्यवर, मैं बता रहा हूँ कि जितने साधन सम्पन्न लोग हैं उन सब के रहने के लिए घर हैं। (व्यवधान) जब तक देश में गरीबी रहेगी, जब तक गरीबों के लिए एक घर के बजाय दो घर नहीं होगा तब तक निश्चित रूप से यह परिवार नियोजन नहीं हो सकता है। अगर परिवार नियोजन करना है तो देश से गरीबी को मिटा दीजिए और एक परिवार को रहने को दो घर की व्यवस्था कीजिए, परिवार नियोजन हो जाएगा। मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या मंत्री जी ऐसी व्यवस्था करना चाहेंगे ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय: आपने सजेशन दिया है, बढ़िया है।

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री: मैं हाथ उठा रहा हूँ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय: आपने देखा नहीं कि कितने इधर से हाथ उठ रहे हैं।

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री: मैंने एक हफ्ते से सवाल नहीं पूछा है। मैं देख रहा हूँ कि रोज क्या होता है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय: मैं हिसाब लगाऊंगा कि आपने कितने सवाल पूछे हैं।

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री: मैं एक हफ्ते से था नहीं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय: मैं हिसाब लगाऊंगा।

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री: सबका हिसाब कीजिए।

अध्यक्ष महोदय: आपका भी करूंगा।

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री: हम यहाँ कुछ सवाल ही उठाने के लिए आते हैं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय: सभी मम्बर सवाल उठाने के लिए आते हैं।

प्रो० मधु बंडवते: आप इनको मौका दे दीजिए, क्योंकि पापुलेशन के मुतल्लिक इनका काफी ताल्लुक है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय: मैंने तो मजाक में कहा था।

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, a few days back, the hon. Minister had announced in this House that he would seek the cooperation of all political parties and voluntary organisations with regard to the check on population growth. May I know whether the Government intends to initiate a discussion with all political parties to decide in their forum that no ticket for election at whatever level will be given to any candidate who has got more than three children? (Interruptions) Mr. Speaker, don't apprehend? You will be excluded from it.

MR. SPEAKER: That is why I am just looking down.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: I could very well guess from your face your reaction that you are worried about it because you have got 5 children. (Interruptions) But don't worry because the Health Minister has got 8 children. (Interruptions) Will the Government consider this suggestion to initiate a discussion with all the

political parties that they will decide of their own not to give ticket to any candidate who has got more than 3 children?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI E. SHANKARANAND): As far as the suggestion made by the hon. member is concerned, I do not know whether he has discussed this in his own party. (*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इन से यह तो पूछ लें कि जिन्होंने शादी नहीं की है, क्या उन्हें दो टिकट देंगे ?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: May I ask what is the relevance of producing children with marriage? I do not know how is he linking production of children with marriage? (*Interruptions*) What I mean to say is that those who are not married have not produced any children. (*Interruptions*) Since he has referred to my personal aspect, may I tell the hon. Member that in my case I have attained an age which has no relevance to Family Planning? My last child is 15 years old. He wanted to know whether I am practising Family Planning. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: This is enough. I have gone to five. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: You finish your homework early then. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: We can have a debate on this very soon. It is a very vast subject.

श्री रामावतार शंस्त्री : अध्यक्ष महोदय, परिवार नियोजन ऐसी चीज है, जिसका कोई विरोध नहीं कर सकता, सब लोग इसमें सहयोग करना चाहते हैं। मैं आपसे जानना चाहता हूँ कि यहाँ जो बैठें हुई मूर्तियाँ हैं, यहाँ जो संसद-सदस्य हैं उन्हें और विधानसभा सदस्यों को इस परिवार नियोजन कार्यक्रम में शामिल किया

जाए। क्या इसके लिए कोई योजना आपने बनाई है या हम लोगों को भी शिक्षित करने का विचार रखते हैं, क्योंकि हमारे यहाँ एक कहावत है कि "राह बढ़ाव सो आगे चल" तो हम लोग दुनिया को कह रहे हैं कि परिवार नियोजन होना चाहिए, आखिर हम लोगों के लिए भी कुछ शिक्षा निर्धारित होंगे या नहीं, इसके बारे में मैं जानना चाहता हूँ।

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Members of Parliament are under the Control of the Speaker. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I do not want anybody to intrude into my premiss here.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: What the hon. Member meant was that the MPs should set an example to the people. That is what he wants to say. I wish they do it.

एक माननीय सदस्य : एक प्रश्न मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अब बहुत हो गया है। यह तो बहुत लम्बा-चौड़ा सवाल है, फिर कभी इस पर डिबेट रख लेंगे।

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. G. Y. Krishnan. Absent. Shri Narayan Choubey. Absent. Shri R. L. Bhatia. Absent. What a remarkable performance here?

#### Track Electrification

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PROF. K. K. TIWARI:

\*644. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the extent to which track electrification will reduce the railways dependence on imported diesel and save coal?