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Monday, March 9, 1981/Phalgun 18,  
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Swami. . .  
Shri K. A. Swami. . .

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY:  
Can I substitute for him, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: I shall simply say  
Shri Swami; then there will be two.  
Shri Krishna Pratap Singh.  
Time Capsule

\*269. SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP  
SINGH:

SHRI BHEEKHABHAI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION  
AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the  
time capsule embedded by the then  
Government in 1973 and dug open by  
the Janata Government is proposed to  
be buried again; and

(b) if so, when and if not, the  
reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI  
S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Time Capsule was embedd-  
ed in commemoration of the Silver  
Jubilee of India's Independence in  
August, 1973. The subsequent con-  
troversy over the contents of the Time  
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Capsule which prompted the previous  
Government to dig open the same  
prematurely was proved baseless. The  
entire thing has lost the grace and  
relevance. It will be advisable to let  
the matter rest.

श्री कृष्ण प्रताप सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय,  
इस काल-पात्र में जो तथ्य दिये गये थे, उन्हें  
काफी तोड़-मरोड़ कर इस देश के सामने रखा  
गया था। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि  
उन तथ्यों, और इसी सदन के माननीय  
सदस्य, डा० सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी, ने जो  
चित्र रखा था, उसमें जो अन्तर है, क्या सरकार  
उस पर कोई कार्यवाही करने का विचार  
रखती है। माननीय डा० सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी  
ने इसी लोक सभा में कहा था कि इस में  
डा० राजेन्द्र प्रसाद का नाम नहीं है। परन्तु  
काल-पात्र को खोद कर निकालने के बाद  
उस में क्या मिला? उस में मिला . . . . .

MR. SPEAKER: You are imparting  
information to him.

श्री कृष्ण प्रताप सिंह : मैं प्रश्न पूछ  
रहा हूँ। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस काल-  
पात्र में कौन-कौन सी बातें लिखी पाई गई  
और उन्होंने जो भ्रामक प्रचार किया था,  
उन दोनों में क्या अन्तर है?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: The reply to  
part (b) is absolutely clear—that it  
has been proved baseless. . . . (Inter-  
ruptions)

श्री कृष्ण प्रताप सिंह : मैं सरकार से  
जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस काल-पात्र को  
गाड़ने में अब क्या आपत्ति है। इसके साथ  
साथ इस देश का तीन बरस का जनता शासन

का जो काला इतिहास है, क्या मंत्री महोदय उस को भी गाड़ने पर विचार करेंगे ?

**SHRI S. B. CHAVAN:** The Time Capsule was embedded in commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of India's Independence. Government has now taken the decision as it has been given in part (b) of my reply.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Shri Bheekhabhai. Not here. Dr. Swamy.

**DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY:** Sir, I am grateful to the hon. Member, Shri Krishna Pratap Singh for bringing me in. I did raise a Short Notice Question on the 28th June 1977 on the basis of which the Time Capsule was dug out. Now, the Minister, in his reply, stated that this is all baseless. I do not know what was baseless—whether it was the document inside the capsule or my charge which was baseless. Therefore, before asking the question, I went to the Library and I got hold of the papers laid on the Table by the Education Minister the 10,000 word description of India since 1947 which I have copied. Anybody in the Library can see this. Is it a fact that in this description of 'India since 1947' only the historical narrative is given in the time capsule? Everything else such as Vijayanta tank, copper plates and other things are not very important. What is important to me is the 10,000 word historical account which is there in the Time Capsule a copy of which has been placed in the Library. I am asking in view of what the hon. Minister said whether it is a fact that there are only seven names in the entire Context of which four are Indians and three are foreigners. Is it a fact that only four Indians are mentioned in the historical context, that is, Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru, Sardar Patel and Shrimati Indira Gandhi? There is no mention of Subhash Chandra Bose; no mention

of Rajaji or no mention of any other person in the freedom movement. All the three foreigners names have been mentioned—Mr. Dikor, Mr. Graham and Mr. McNaughton—who had no historical contributions to make to India. I do not know whether he has seen the ten thousand word historical account himself. I want to know whether the historical analysis is defective on this ground.

**SHRI S. B. CHAVAN:** Sir, by the first part of the question of the hon. Member, he wants me to tell the House what has been proved baseless. I have made it absolutely clear that the charges which Dr. Swamy has levelled in the House have been proved baseless.

**DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY:** There are 7 names there.

**SHRI S. B. CHAVAN:** As regards the subsequent part of the question even my predecessor, Shri Nurul Hasan, had also made it absolutely clear that this 10,000 word historical description had to be read in totality with the calendar of events. You cannot read it in isolation. If you will read these two things together, then what the hon. Member has said here is not correct.

**DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY:** You must protect me. I want to know whether the historical facts are distorted versions. He should have read the historical facts himself. Why should we read the calendar of events? I would like to know why the name of Subhashh Chandra Bose is not mentioned. He was a historical personality. His contribution should have been recorded.

**PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE:** Through you, I would like to ask a question from the Minister since he has stated that the controversy has been proved to be baseless. I shall ask a sharp and pointed question on the basis of the report that was tabled before the House—in the last Lok Sabha, on 10th April. I would ask :

specific question I will not repeat what Dr. Swamy had said—whether the Father of the Nation referred to only once whether there is no reference to Jallianwalla Bagh; no reference to Azad Hind Fauj. Is it true that even the sacrifice of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri has not been mentioned? While discussing the Constitution, is it true that no reference to its federal structure is made? Mr. Speaker, Sir, you come from Punjab and you will be surprised and shocked to know that the Bhakra and Beas Dams have been described as the joint projects of Gujarat, Haryana and Punjab. Whereas the Imperial Bank was nationalised in 1945, is it true that the Time Capsule says that it was nationalised in 1949? If these historical facts were left in the Time Capsule for posterity then our history would have distorted. You have taken a proper, right, decision not to bury the capsule again.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: About the names which the hon. Member was pleased to mention here, the calendar of events are to be read together. Lal Bahadur Shastri's name has been mentioned thrice giving different events connected with his name. Dr. Rajendra Prasad's name has been mentioned three to four times. Dr. Zakir Hussain's name has also been mentioned. In 1963 Bharat Ratna for Dr. Zakir Hussain; in 1967 Zakir Hussain elected President and in 1969 death of the President, Dr. Zakir Hussain.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Sir, I referred to Azad Hind Fauj.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: About Gandhiji hon. Member is quite aware of the fact that there is a Gandhi capsule which is already there so in this entire thing only a brief reference has been made.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Sir, I asked a pointed question in respect of the joint project in which Gujarat

is shown for Bhakra and Beas. He has not replied to that. I asked about INA. I asked about Imperial Bank which has been shown to be nationalised in 1945 whereas it was nationalised in 1955. Are these wrong pieces of information given there for posterity?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: Government does admit that there are some factual inaccuracies. It will have to be corrected and we propose to do it through the same Indian Council of Historical Research Institute. As for the reference which hon. Shri Dandavate is making here that certain things have not been specially mentioned I do not think that Government can agree with it except to say that there are the factual inaccuracies.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Sir, what has he to say about the wrong information that is given. If they are to be corrected only because we took out the Time Capsule then our taking out the Time Capsule was correct.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: Sir, those inaccuracies were also mentioned by my predecessors as well as they said that some inaccurate statements had been made and there might be typographical errors also.

श्री धर्म दास शास्त्री : अध्यक्ष जी, मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से बड़े अदब के साथ जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस काल पात्र को खोदने में कितना रुपया खर्च हुआ तथा उस का सदुपयोग हुआ या दुरुपयोग और मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूँ कि जिन लोगों ने देश के लोगों को गुमराह किया, गन्तव्ययानी की, क्या सरकार उन के खिलाफ कोई कमीशन बैठाने की सोच रही है या नहीं ?

#### Irrigation Projects from Kerala awaiting Clearance

\*270. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to lay a statement showing: