

LOK SABHA

Monday, January 28, 1960/Magha 8,
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MR. SPEAKER: The Secretary may call the name of the Member who is yet to take his oath.

SECRETARY: There is nobody to take oath.

MR. SPEAKER: All right. Now Questions. Q. No. 1. Shri Mohsin is not here. Next question.

Rural Dialling System

*2. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to start Rural Dialling system so as to enable those telephone customers to have the facility of getting the calls treated as local calls if the exchanges are within 20 Kms. from that system; and

(b) if so, the number of Centres in which this system is to be started?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICA-
TIONS (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN
SINGH): (a) When two exchanges in
the rural area are within 20 Kms. of
each other and are connected on a
direct dialling basis; they are already

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being charged on the basis of a unit fee untimed call. This is, however, a trunk call and not a local call.

(b) There is no detailed plan for the introduction of this service but as and when the routing becomes feasible the field units are introducing this service.

SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: In a letter to me, the Minister of Communications says that the rural dialling has been introduced. Now, the answer is different. Anyhow, may I know... (Interruptions).

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS: The sound system is not functioning.

MR. SPEAKER: Just a minute. Before the proceedings start, this should be checked up. Mr. Naidu.

SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Mr. Speaker, Sir, in a communication written to me, the Minister for Communications says that the rural dialling has been introduced. I want to know from the hon. Minister whether Government is going to introduce rural dialling in Andhra Pradesh so that the calls within 20 Kms. from the Exchange become local calls as in cities.

SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH: Sir, the long distance dialling facilities to cover the rural areas as extended to the urban areas will need a very much large material and financial resource. It will also need both internal and external plants. At the moment it is not possible in that way.

SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: My second question is this. Is it possible to have iron bars installed wherever it is possible so as to have rural dialling? I want to know whe-

ther the Government is going to manufacture the iron bars so that they may supply the same for the construction of the dialling equipment in the rural areas.

SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH: The whole matter, as I have said, needs material and financial resources. Therefore, the Government has set up a Study Group for it. I am expecting that the Study Group will go into the entire matter and will submit a report to the Government.

MR. SPEAKER: Do you now hear?

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS: No, Sir. It is not working.

MR. SPEAKER: We must look it up. Before the House starts its business, this should be checked.

Mr. Netam,

Asian Games 1982

*3. **SHRI ARVIND NETAM:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Asian Games 1982 will be held in New Delhi;

(b) how much financial investment is involved; and

(c) the details of preparation made upto now?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). The matter is under consideration.

श्री अरविंद नेताम : अध्यक्ष जी, मंत्री महोदय ने जो जवाब दिया है, वह काफी अपर्याप्त है। एशियन गेम्स 1982 में नई दिल्ली में होने हैं, इस के लिये दो साल का समय रह गया है और इन दो सालों में जितना बड़ा स्पोर्ट्स कॉम्प्लेक्स बनाना है, मैं समझता हूँ दो साल पहले से ही उस पर निर्माण कार्य शुरू हो जाना चाहिए था। इस सम्बंध में एशियन गेम्स फेडरेशन के प्रेसीडेंट ने आशंका व्यक्त की है कि 1982 में जो एशियन गेम्स होने हैं, वह मामला अघर में अभी

तक लटका हुआ है, और अभी पिछले दिनों में इस सदन के माननीय सदस्य श्री बूटा सिंह के नेतृत्व में एक डेलीगेशन माननीय प्रधान मंत्री जी से मिला था और प्रधान मंत्री जी ने आश्वासन दिया है कि 1982 में एशियन गेम्स होंगे। तो मैं मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि 1982 में एशियन गेम्स होंगे या नहीं यह कम से कम पहले बता दीजिए ?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I understand the anxiety of the hon'ble Member and his interest in sports. It is natural that the people—especially the sportsmen of this country are very eager to see that the Asian Games are held in 1982 in India but the hon'ble Members must be aware that it is not so easy to say whether it will be held or will not be held in India as it entails so many considerations. The cost of building the sports complex has shot up considerably high. Then, Sir, we are to see that the holding of the Asian Games is a success. It is not merely doing something in a hurry. But I would like to say that Government is very seriously considering the cost aspect of the games and the matter is under earnest consideration of the Government.

श्री अरविंद नेताम : अध्यक्ष जी, पिछले दो तीन सालों में सरकार का जो रवैया रहा है, वह वैसा ही था जैसा कि श्रीरंगजेब बादशाह का संगीत के प्रति रहा था। मैं नई सरकार से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि एशियन गेम्स कमेटी जो बनी है उस को वह बदलने जा रही है और यदि हां तो कब तक बदलेंगे ?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sir, the question is not clear in the sense that there are many committees, namely, steering committee, organising committee and various other technical committees at various levels.

श्री अरविंद नेताम : मेरा मतलब आर्गनाइजेशन कमेटी से है।

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Changing of organising committee is not in the hands of the government. It is an elected body independent of the government.

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: Sir, is it not a fact that several years