

Utilisation of Funds cleared to Swiss Aid Abroad

*782. SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that huge amount of money was cleared to Swiss Aid Abroad by the Reserve Bank of India for educational purposes;

(b) if so, the amount thereof and when was it paid and whether it was paid to political persons;

(c) whether that money was actually utilised for the educational purposes only; and

(d) if not, how the money was utilised and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) and (b). Government are aware that financial aid for certain educational institutions in Maharashtra and Gujarat has been received through the normal banking channels from Swiss Aid Abroad.

According to information available to the Government, the following amounts have been received since 1968.

Name of recipient	Amount Rs.	Year	Purpose
(i) Shri Lalbhai D. Naik r/o Navsari, Valsad, Gujarat.	2,50,000	1968	For construction of an Ashram building at Village Ambheti Taluka Dharampur, District Valsad.
(ii) Sh. Babubai J. Patel, President of Bhartiya Uttar Buniadi Trust at Village Agashi, distt. Bulsar.	3,80,000	1972-73	For construction of Bhartiya Uttar Vidyalaya and its hostel.
(iii) Ambheti Gram Sewa Kendra, Gujarat.	2,84,000	1969-70 & 1972-73	For development of Buniadi Vikas (rural school).

(c) and (d). Government has no specific information regarding mis-utilisation of the financial aid given for educational purposes.

श्री शशि भूषण : अध्यक्ष जी, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि स्विम एंड ऐग्रीड का स्विटजरलैंड में क्या फ़ौरमेशन है ? क्या यह सही है कि हम के 5 अमरीकन डायरेक्टर्स हैं और 4 स्विटजरलैंड के हैं ? और क्या यह भी सही है कि यहां इस एजेन्सी का एक परमानेंट रिप्रेजेंटेटिव हिन्दुस्तान में रहता है ? क्या यह सही है कि इतने बड़े अमाउन्ट के लिए एक परमानेंट रिप्रेजेंटेटिव यहां नौसे रहेगा ? क्या यह सही

है कि टोटल रिवाय्यूशन के वक्त में जनरल सेक्रेटरी, स्विम एंड ऐग्रीड, अहमदाबाद में उधरा ? तो छोटे में अमाउन्ट के लिये, 10,5 लाख के लिये, यहाँ नहीं आयेगा, हम के पीछे क्या हाय है यह मैं जानना चाहता हूँ ।

SHRI F. H. MOHSIN. I have no information as regards the directors. One Swiss representative is staying here in Almora, U.P. and his name is Pierre Oppliger. Of course, beyond this, they have been giving aid to various institutions since 1960. There was agreement between the Government of India and the Government of Switzerland regarding the entry of

relief supplies and packages into the country. But, anyway, this financial aid has been coming since 1960 to this country. As the hon. Members are aware, there was no regulation in regard to the entry of foreign money into India for these charitable institutions. Recently we have passed an enactment, that is, the Foreign Contribution Regulations Act. Before that there was no law in existence to regulate the inward remittances of money.

SHRI K. S. CHAVDA: He has mentioned the names of others. The names of the ruling Congressmen have not been given.

श्री भगवत लाल राजाह : भूतपूर्व मुख्य मंत्री श्री पटेल ने पैसा लिया है।

(Interruptions)

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Sale of Land by former Maharaja of Bhavnagar

*775. **SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the former Maharaja of Bhavnagar has sold about 40 thousand acres of land both agricultural and urban; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken against such transactions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) and (b). The information has been called for from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

Cost of Generation of Power from Oil Fuel at Neyveli

*779. **DR. K. L. RAO:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of generation of power from the oil fuel generator units at Neyveli and from lignite fuel generator sets; and

(b) the reasons for using oil as fuel when the prices of oil are high?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The average cost of generation of power, at the lignite fired units and the oil fired units of Neyveli Power Station for 1975-76 was as below:—

Lignite based power—12.107 p./Kwhr.

Oil based power—32.682 p./Kwhr.

(b) To meet the acute power shortage in Tamil Nadu, two units of 50 MW each of the Neyveli Power Station are being operated on oil as the lignite fired units are under-utilised due to non-availability of adequate quantity of lignite. However, the units are proposed to be reconverted to lignite firing by 1979-80 when adequate lignite will be available to fully feed the power station.

Manufacture of Crankshaft by Foundry Forge Plant of HEC, Ranchi

*781. **SHRI RAJDEO SINGH:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's first Crankshaft has been, manufactured by the Foundry Forge Plant of the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi;

(b) whether earlier the component was being imported from USA; and

(c) whether Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi will be able to produce the required number of Crankshafts in a year or two?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) HEC for the first time pro-