

श्री उमाशंकर दीक्षित : बेल पुलिस ने नहीं दी। पुलिस देती भी नहीं है। अब एग्जिक्टिव और जुडिशियरी अलग अलग हैं और अगर किरा को भी बेल कोर्ट देता है तो हम उस को रोक नहीं सकते हैं। हम ज्यादा से ज्यादा कह सकते हैं।

श्री हुकमचन्द कछवाय : रिमान्ड मांग सकते हैं।

श्री उमाशंकर दीक्षित : रिमान्ड मांग सकते हैं। मैं बतला दूँ कि केस रजिस्टर 19 तारीख को नहीं हुआ, 18 तारीख को हुआ है 18 तारीख का रिफरेंस है।

SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA:
There was no request from the police for the remand of the accused. The bail was opposed but the police never asked for remand. Legally, the Magistrate cannot refuse if the police had asked for remand.

SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT:
I cannot say without information. If he gives notice, I can tell him.

श्री भार्गवसिंह भौरा : मिनिस्टर साहब ने जवाब देने हुये कहा कि फरीदाबाद में दूकान है यहाँ कुछ रखे थे जो असला की दुकान होती है उसमें उसको नक्का वगैरह बना कर दिखाया होता है कि वह कहाँ पर है। वह एक इंच भी इधर उधर नहीं हो सकती। इस आदमी ने जो हथियार रखे हुये थे उनका उस दूकान में कोई तालूक नहीं है। जहाँ पर जो नाजायज हथियार थे उन को पकड़ने के बाद यह जानने की क्या जरूरत थी कि दूकान के लाइसेंस थे या नहीं। वह नाजायज हो गये। मैं समझता हूँ कि इस केस में जरूर किसी हायर पुलिस अथॉरिटी का हाथ है। क्या मिनिस्टर साहब हायर लेवल पर इस की एन्क्वायरी करवायेंगे?

श्री उमाशंकर दीक्षित : हम ने दिल्ली एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन को सारी आर्म्स व्यवस्था के संबंध में लिखा है और जांच कराने के बाद देखेंगे कि इस में ठीक से प्रबन्ध है या

नहीं। अभी श्री प्रबोध चन्द्र ने जो पूछा था कि जवाब दे दूँ।

The Police did ask for remand to Police custody which was refused by the Court on the 20th.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : प्रश्न संख्या 42 माननीय सदस्य नहीं है।

श्री मधु लिखित : मैं पूछ लूँ, कि प्रश्न 47 भी बड़ा महत्वपूर्ण है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप तो प्रीसिजर के बड़े माहिर हैं। अगर आप का प्रीसिजर इजाजत देता है तो आप जरूर पूछ लीजिये।

Shri Vikram Mahajan—absent.

Shri B. V. Naik—also not here.

Shri R. V. Swaminathan.

Setting up of Newsprint Mills

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*44. **SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:**
SHRI PURUSHOTTAM
KAKODKAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are considering a plan to set up two more Newsprint Mills in the country;

(b) if so, their capacity and location; and

(c) when they are likely to be set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c). Hindustan Paper Corporation propose to set up a newsprint plant in Kerala with a capacity of 80,000 tonnes per annum at an approximate cost of Rs. 39

crores. Proposals to set up some more newsprint projects are also under examination. No final decision regarding their capacity, location, etc. has yet been taken.

SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: May I know whether by setting up these newsprint factories in the country self-sufficiency in newsprint will be achieved as also when this shortage of newsprint will be overcome? I would also like to know whether the Government is aware that there is unrest among the workers and journalists since they have been thrown out of the job due to the cut in the newsprint.

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: In regard to newsprint, as it is to-day, there is a big gap in the supply. Actually, the indigenous production is to the tune of 40,000 tonnes per year whereas the requirements of the nation is 2,50,000 tonnes. It is expected that by the end of the Fifth Five Year Plan the requirements may be of the order of 3.5 lakhs tonnes. If the Kerala project fructifies, it will have a production of 80,000 tonnes and if the production programme of NEPA mills also is executed in time, it will ease the production to the extent of 75,000 tonnes; in all, we will be having 155,000 tonnes of newsprint by the end of the Fifth Five Year Plan. But, there will still be a gap. In view of that we are trying to bridge up this gap by taking up certain other projects during the Fifth Plan.

So far as throwing out of job of journalists and newspaper men is concerned, this question is being dealt with by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: Is it a fact that high-power Indian and Canadian Delegations had a meeting in Delhi recently in order to set up joint-venture newsprint mills in the country and if so, what is the result of those discussions?

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: We have not only discussed proposals with regard to setting up joint venture newsprint projects but also to import newsprint from that country.

Apart from that, from our own resources, we are trying to build newsprint factories and certain private parties have also come up with proposals and one of them is expected to come up.

The public sector Hindustan Paper Corporation has also undertaken investigation into certain areas where a newsprint project can be established.

SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR: May I know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that some Letters of Intents were issued? The Minister, in his reply, said that Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd. was issued a letter of intent. Is it a fact that some Letters of Intents were issued to some other private party? If so, how many parties have made use of these letters of intents? If they have not yet made use of them, what action has Government taken in this regard?

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: In fact three parties were issued letters of intents to produce newsprint as follows:—

1. Ballarpur Paper and Straw Board Mills Ltd.—60,000 tonnes per annum.
2. Suraj Industrial Packing Ltd., Lucknow.—60,000 tonnes per annum.
3. Shet Kari Sahakari Sakar Karkhana.—44,500 tonnes per annum.

In fact, none of these private sectors did come up for the newsprint project for various reasons. So far as Ballarpur Paper and Straw Board Mills Ltd. are concerned, they did not want to have a newsprint project finalised

because the cost of the newsprint and the price which was prevailing at that time was not up to their expectation.

As regards Sural Industrial Packing is concerned, they had some financial difficulty. So far as Maharashtra factory is concerned, it is a cooperative sector. They tried to develop the newsprinting out of non-conventional items like Bagasse for which the technology is not available here. But, it is expected that one of the private parties. Ballarpur Paper and Straw Board Mills are showing their interest recently they may go in for the project.

श्री मधु लिमये : यह जो न्यूजप्रिंट का कारखाना सरकार लगाने जा रही है क्या इसके लिए मशीनरी पर्याप्त मात्रा में इस देश में बनेगी या बड़े पैमाने पर आयात करनी पड़ेगी ?

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: So far as newsprint is concerned, we may have to import some machinery. But, for some of the equipments the designs as such are not available in this country. So far as paper machinery is concerned, we have our own indigenous manufacturing capacity.

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : बिहार में बगसे और ऊख के छिलके बड़ी मात्रा में पाए जाते हैं, क्या यह सरकार को मालूम है ? क्या बिहार के किसी हिस्से में उत्तर या दक्षिण बिहार में आप कागज बनाने का कारखाना लगाने का विचार रखते हैं और यदि हाँ, तो कब तक और नहीं तो क्यों नहीं ?

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: So far as the non-conventional item is concerned, the technology for production of newsprint is not available. The Maharashtra Factory has tried to get it.

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : ऊख का छिलका और बगसे बहुत बड़ी मात्रा में बिहार में मिलता है ।

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: I have already said that non-conventional item like Bagasse is available but the technology for production of the newsprint out of that is not available in the country. We are trying to get the technology.

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : मैंने ऊख के छिलके के बारे में कहा था ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अभी कुछ बात तो बने अभी तो प्लान के बारे में कह रहे हैं ।

PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: There was a proposal to start a newsprint factory in H.P. May I know from the hon. Minister what has happened to the proposal?

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: In fact Hindustan Paper Corporation is investigating into the possibility of having a newsprint factory in various parts of the country where the raw materials are available. There is no specific proposal from Himachal Pradesh Government. However, the Hindustan Paper Corporation is investigating into the matter.

Television Station at Lucknow

*46. **SHRI HARI SINGH:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of a Television Station at Lucknow has started;

(b) if so, the present stage of the construction;

(c) in what time the construction work will be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND