

LOK SABHA

Tuesday, June 21, 1977/Jyaistha 31,
1899 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair.]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Expenditure on Lok Sabha Elections

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*126. SHRI S. G. MURUGAIYAN:
SHRI D. B. CHANDRA
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the expenditure incurred by Central Government on the recent election to the Lok Sabha?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: It is more than three months since the Lok Sabha elections are over. Does it require such a long time to collect the figures and supply the information?

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN: Evidently, it requires more time than it looks to collect the information.

डा० बापू कालदत्ते : कितने समय में यह रिपोर्ट सदन को पेश करेंगे ?

श्री शान्ति भूषण : जितनी जल्दी उपलब्ध हो जायेगी, उतनी जल्दी पेश कर दी जायेगी ।

MR. SPEAKER: I think we should not spend any more time on this question. Let us go to the next question.

United Trade Union on Railways

*127. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to bring in an unified trade union on railways; and

(b) whether both the recognised unions have agreed with the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANAVATE): (a) and (b). The Government is in favour of broad unification of Trade Unions in Railways.

The Tripartite Committee appointed at the Indian Labour Conference held in May, 1977 is considering the question of norms for recognition of Unions and the *modus operandi* to evolve one Union in one industry.

The report is expected within two months. The Government will await the report and will then consult the various Unions in Railways to evolve a *modus operandi* for the formation of one Union in Railways.

SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: I want to know whether the Minister is confident that it is workable to have one union in the railways.

PROF. MADHU DANAVATE: Confidence is a part of my nature. Therefore, I have always felt that it is possible to have one union in one industry. As far as the various railway unions are concerned, at least theoretically they are committed to the principle of one union in one industry. Only some practical prob-