

Shri Raghu Ramaiah: I am not aware of any such experiment being done now.

Dr. Ramesh Sen: Is it known to the Minister that foreign jet planes that are coming to Indian airports are supplied exclusively by the foreign oil companies? If so, has the Government taken any steps to see that the Indian Oil Corporation make supplies available to the foreign jet planes?

Shri Raghu Ramaiah: As I said, our distribution system is an integrated system. So, it depends upon the particular place where the supply is made.

Shri Krishna Kumar Chatterjee: (a) Is the hon. Minister prepared to admit that the Government did not make serious and sufficient attempts to improve either qualitatively or quantitatively the production of jet fuel in the country? (b) if so, is the hon. Minister prepared to acquaint this House without reservation what handicaps and obstacles the Government had to meet in this direction? (c) Is the Government prepared to admit that the international tension and conflicts prevailing in the oil and fuel producing areas in recent times make it obligatory for our national safety and security to produce jet fuel in the country in the sufficient quantity to meet our internal requirements?

Shri Raghu Ramaiah: There are absolutely no handicaps in producing jet fuel of the required specifications. It is quite sufficient for our purpose.

Currency Notes in smaller sizes

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Shri N. S. Sharma:

Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:

Shri Brij Bhushan Lal:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently reduced the size of currency notes of different denominations due to the shortage of currency paper;

(b) how much foreign exchange is spent yearly on the import of the currency paper; and

(c) the steps taken to manufacture the paper in India?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri K. C. Pant): (a) Yes, Sir. Bank notes of denominations of Rs. 2, Rs. 5, Rs. 10 and Rs. 100 in reduced sizes have been put into circulation from the 17th April, 1967.

(b) About Rs. 290 lakhs at the present level of requirements of currency and Bank notes.

(c) The Security Paper Mill set up at Hoshangabad would fully meet the country's requirements of currency and Bank note paper when the Mill attains its rated capacity in 1969-70.

श्री शारदा नन्द : इन नोटों के आकार को छोटा कर के अब तक सरकार को कितना लाभ हुआ है ?

श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पन्त : इस से करीब 300 टन कागज की बचत होगी जिसका मूल्य लगभग 30 लाख रुपये है ।

श्री बृज भूषण लाल : क्या सरकार यह बतलाने की कृपा करेगी कि पिछले 20 वर्षों में केरेन्सी नोट का कागज तैयार करने के लिए क्या कदम लिये गये और अभी तक वह धाप की सप्लाई की आवश्यकता के लिए क्यों नहीं पूरे हो सके ?

श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पन्त : जैसा कि मैं ने बतलाया यह कदम उठाया गया कि देश में इस कागज को बनाने के लिए होशंगाबाद में एक कारखाना खड़ा किया गया । उस का ट्रायल अभी चल रहा है ।

Shri Chintaman Panigrahi: May I know whether it has come to the notice of Government that because of this reduction in size there is confusion between the old ten-rupee note and the new hundred-rupee note. Has any public complaint to this effect come before the Government? Is

there any chance of further reducing the size of these currency notes?

Shri K. C. Pant: No, Sir; there is no chance of any further reduction.

Shri Chintamani Panigrahi: What about the confusion?

Shri K. C. Pant: The confusion is subjective.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I want to know whether it is a fact that previously there was a foolproof procedure adopted by the Reserve Bank for the destruction of notes and for recovering the paper so that the paper could be used for other purposes and whether the new emergency procedure, which has been evolved in the Reserve Bank for the destruction of notes, does not have any checks and counter-checks with the result that a lot of misappropriation is going on apart from recovering the paper.

Shri K. C. Pant: I require notice.

श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : चूंकि एक रुपये के नोटों की मांग अधिक होती है और उस का कागज इतना खराब होता है कि यह एक रुपये वाला नोट बहुत आसानी से और बहुत जल्दी खराब हो जाता है तो क्या सरकार ने इस के लिए सोचा है कि एक रुपये के नोट छापने में अच्छा कागज काम में लाया जाय ?

श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पन्त : पुराने नोटों को वापिस लेते जाते हैं और नये नोटों को सरकुलेट करते जाते हैं ।

श्री मधु लिमये : क्या सरकार का ध्यान इस बात की ओर गया है कि इस वक्त हमारे देश में डबल नम्बर वाले नोट चल रहे हैं अर्थात् एक ही नम्बर दो, दो नोटों के ऊपर रहता है और दूसरी बात यह कि कुछ खराब नोटों को नष्ट करने का आदेश दिया गया था लेकिन रिजर्व बैंक के कुछ अधिकारियों ने और दूसरे लोगों ने विज्ञापन कर इन को नष्ट नहीं किया और इन्हें प्रचलित किया । क्या सरकार का ध्यान इन बड़े कामों की ओर गया है और उच्च के बारे में क्या कोई जांच हुई है ?

श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पन्त : इस ओर हमारा ध्यान गया है । जहाँ तक मुझे याद पड़ता है कोई सात, आठ करोड़ से जिसमें कि सरकार का ध्यान उस ओर आकर्षित किया गया था कि दो नोटों में एक ही नम्बर है ?

श्री मधु लिमये : दूसरा जो नष्ट करने के बारे में था ?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): That was inquired into very thoroughly and it was found that some notes were burnt, but not completely burnt; but they could not be used which is why they have not got into circulation again. But now care is being taken to see that such a thing will not recur so that there is no question of any doubt in future. About those notes which had double numbers, we find that the numbers had been changed afterwards. There is proof of it; on the face of it one can notice it. Therefore, they are not forged notes.

Shri Sradhakar Supakar: Why was sufficient precaution not taken to see that confusion is not caused on account of the size of old notes of small denomination and new notes of practically the same denomination which is caused during night time and among the rural folks who are not sufficiently literate?

Shri K. C. Pant: I think, due precaution was taken. If my hon. friend likes, I can indicate the different widths, lengths and changes, and he will find that in making these changes, in most cases the width has been kept the same but the length has been reduced so that there would be no confusion.

Shri S. Krishna: The hon. Minister said just now that about Rs. 30 lakhs were saved by reducing the size of the currency notes. I want to know why this measure was not contemplated earlier and that would have amounted to a saving of crores of rupees. Is the hon. Minister going to institute an inquiry and fix up responsibility on

particular officers or anybody who were responsible for not effecting this improvement earlier? Secondly, I want to know whether, once the factory starts producing currency paper, the Ministry contemplates to revert back to the old size of the currency notes.

Shri Morarji Desai: If this kind of reasoning is adopted, then for every improvement, the previous people will have to be punished and no improvement will ever take place. Why does the hon. Member object to wisdom coming even late?

Shri S. Kunda: There is no question of wisdom coming late. There is no wisdom. I wanted to know also whether the hon. Minister contemplates to revert back to the old size of the currency notes once the factory starts production of currency paper.

Shri K. C. Pant: That will make confusion worse confounded.

श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी : मैं माननीय मंत्री से जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह नोटों का आकार जो छोटा हुआ है वह कागज और पैसे की बचत को सामने रख कर हुआ है या व्यवहार के लिए सुलभ होता है इस के लिए हुआ है या घामतीर पर जो एक चर्चा चली है कि आज़कल अपनी अर्थ व्यवस्था पर डालर का जो प्रभाव बढ़ता जा रहा है उस का जान से या अनजान से यह परिणाम है ?

श्री मोरारजी देसाई : यह बात तो अजीब मुनी, पहले ऐसी नहीं मुनी थी मगर हम हमेशा कुछ मीढ़ने के लिए तैयार रहते हैं। यह दोनों बातें ध्यान में रखी गई हैं।

श्री स० मो० बनर्जी : यह डिबैलुएशन के बाद हुआ है।

Shri Ambabagan: Will the hon. Minister tell us, though they have no other alternative except to reduce the size of the currency notes in order to save about Rs. 30 lakhs, whether they propose to print notes of different denominations in different shapes

and different colours in order to lessen the confusion among the people in handling these currency notes?

Shri Morarji Desai: That suggestion will be considered.

श्री शिव नारायण : मैं सरकार से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह एक रुपये, दो रुपये, पांच रुपये और दस रुपये के जो पुराने नोट हैं इन को घाप जमा करा कर कब तक खत्म कर देंगे ?

श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पन्त : तारीख देना मुश्किल है लेकिन धीरे धीरे इन को विदड़ा कर रहे हैं।

Categorisation Committee's Report Regarding Government Press Workers

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Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri:
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Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the Categorisation Committee has been implemented in full in respect of the Government Press Workers in the country;

(b) whether the modifications suggested by the various Unions and Associations have been embodied in the report; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Jaganath Rao): (a) A detailed statement containing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-837/67].

(b) and (c). The views of the Unions and Associations were duly considered but could not always be accepted