

and now and not merely hypothetical assurances about some kind of investigation by the new Public Accounts Committee de novo which would mean a lot of waste of time and other kinds of annoyance.

Mr. Speaker: One cannot elicit the whole information.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Sir, I want to ascertain from Government the reasons for the delay in the matter of action over the explicit recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee which took a very grave view of the transactions which were alleged to have taken place. I want to know why Government has delayed doing anything in this matter.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: There has been no delay. The hon. Member is a very old and senior Member. The procedure of the Parliamentary Committee is all laid down. This concerns various departments—the Defence Ministry, the Commerce Ministry and the Supply Department. They all are in communication with the Public Accounts Committee. On their recommendations, action is taken and it is reported to the Committee, and that is why I suggested that the new Public Accounts Committee can always take notice of this and do whatever they think proper. There is nothing wrong.

Mr. Speaker: I think that in the Question Hour, one cannot go much more into it. Perhaps some other method will have to be adopted. It is a very important question. Now, I go to the next question.

चुनाव समाचारों का प्रसारण

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\* 60. श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :

श्री हुकूम चन्द कछवाह

श्री कंबर लाल गुप्त :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आकाशवाणी

ने चुनाव परिणामों के प्रसारण के मामले में पक्षपातपूर्ण रवैया अपनाया था ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि मतगणना के दौरान कुछ प्रमुख विरोधी नेताओं के पक्ष में पड़े मतों की संख्या की घोषणा नहीं की गई जबकि प्रमुख कांग्रेसी नेताओं के पक्ष में पड़े मतों की दिन में कई बार घोषणा की गई; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण थे तथा इस मामले में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (जी के० के० शाह) : (क) और (ख) आकाशवाणी ने बिल्कुल निष्पक्ष रहने का प्रयत्न किया है। सभी समाचार बुलेटिनों को देखना कठिन है। यदि कोई विशिष्ट मामला सरकार के ध्यान में लाया गया, तो उसकी जांच की जाएगी।

(ग) सवाल नहीं उठता।

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि चुनाव समाचारों के प्रसारण के सम्बन्ध में क्या आकाशवाणी ने पहले से कोई अपनी नीति निर्धारित की थी? यदि हां, तो क्या उस नीति में कोई ऐसी भी सम्भावनाएँ थीं कि कुछ व्यक्ति जो जीतेंगे उनके समाचार दो दो दिन लगातार प्रसारित किए जायेंगे तथा और कुछ जो जीतेंगे उनके समाचार एक बार भी कठिनाई से प्रसारित किए जायेंगे? मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि यदि नीति निर्धारित की थी और उसका जिन अधिकारियों ने पालन नहीं किया उनके खिलाफ क्या कोई कार्रवाई की गई है ?

Shri K. K. Shah: I can assure the hon. Member, after going through all the records—I am prepared to give proof—that so far as the announcement of results is concerned, AIR has been absolutely impartial.

**Sense hon. Members: Question.**

**Shri K. K. Shah:** I am giving certain facts. After hearing that, I am sure you will be satisfied yourself. Then you can give your verdict.

**Mr. Speaker:** Let him address the Chair.

**Shri K. K. Shah:** I am sorry, Sir. I can give one specific example—there are many others which can be given. Out of 23 flashes which I have got here, 12 flashes gave the results where Congress candidates succeeded and 11 flashes gave the results where the Opposition candidates succeeded.

**श्री रजबीर सिंह :** मेरी शिकायत यह है कि प्रपोजीशन वालों के रिजल्ट बाइकास्ट किए गए लेकिन कांग्रेस वालों के बाइकास्ट नहीं किये गये। इसका क्या कारण है ? मैं इसका जवाब चाहता हूँ।

**श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :** व्यक्तिगत बात को कहना बहुत एक छोटी सी बात हो जाती है। लेकिन मन्त्री जी ने क्यों कि उदाहरण की बात कही है कि कोई इस प्रकार की चीज सामने आएगी तो उस बात की जानकारी वह लेंगे, इस वास्ते मैं अपना ही उदाहरण देते हुए कहता हूँ कि प्रकाशवाणी ने मेरे सम्बन्ध में प्रसारित किया कि लगभग 40,000 मतों से जीते हैं जबकि सब यह था कि मैं 48,000 मतों से भी अधिक से जीता था। इस प्रकार की जो बातें हुई हैं क्या इनको मन्त्री महोदय देंगे ?

**श्री रजबीर सिंह :** साठ हजार से मैं जीता हूँ मेरा नाम तक नहीं आया है। एक इंडिपेंडेंट कैंडिडेट को मैंने लगभग पीने दो लाख वोटों से हराया है।

**एक आत्मीय सदस्य :** उत्तर नहीं आया है।

**Mr. Speaker:** It is only a matter of information.

**Shri K. K. Shah:** The information has been given. I will make enquiries about it.

**श्री कंबर लाल गुप्त :** श्री प्रदल बिहारी वाजपेयी जो हमारी पार्टी के लीडर हैं, उनकी काउंटिंग हो रही थी और वह लीड कर रहे थे लेकिन प्राल इण्डिया रेडियो ने कितने मतों से वह लीड कर रहे हैं यह न बता कर श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी और दूसरे मन्त्रियों के बुलेटिन एक एक बंट के बाद रिलीज किए, क्या यह सब नहीं है ? सवाल मेरा यह है कि अगर मिनिस्टर साहब को ये तथ्य दिये जायेंगे कि कहां कहां पार्लिमेंट बरती गई है तो उनके बारे में क्या वह इनकवायरी करेंगे ?

**Shri K. K. Shah:** I am obliged to my friend for drawing attention about my friend, Shri Vajpayee. I think when he went to the All India Radio also, he had mentioned this fact. I have the facts before me. I am quoting from the *Statesman* dated 23rd February, 1967 so that it will give a chance for comparison. The *Statesman* said:

“Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee and Mrs. Subhadra Joshi are running neck and neck with a margin of 600 votes”.

The AIR announcement said:

“Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee and Mrs. Subhadra Joshi are having a close contest.”

Then, I produce here three bulletins of the morning of the 25th—subsequently when the result was out—where it has been very prominently mentioned that Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee has won. The entire thing has been given there. I have got all the bulletins here.

**श्री कंबर लाल गुप्त :** अध्यक्ष महोदय जब प्राल इंडिया रेडियो ने कहा कि श्री प्रदल बिहारी वाजपेयी नैक टु नैक जा रहे

हैं और उसके बाद एसीकन रिजल्ट ऐनाउन्स हुआ तब उसके विपरीत। मैं आप को एक नहीं बल्कि कई मिनिस्टर्स और दूसरे साहबान को ट्रेडरी बेंच पर बैठे हैं उन के बाबत कोट कर के कह सकता हूँ कि ग़ाल इंडिया रेडियो से हर एक घंटे घंटे के बाद निकलता रहता था कि वह 15-15 हजार से लीड कर रहे हैं या 20 हजार से लीड कर रहे हैं तो क्या मंत्री महोदय उस बारे में कोई इनक्वायरी करायेंगे ?

**Mr. Speaker:** I would request hon. Members not to take individual cases. Even Ministers have complained. My name was not mentioned at all till the 24th night because they did not get any information. The papers published that I was trailing behind whereas I was actually leading. Therefore, they did not get the information and it is no use blaming them now.

**B.B.C. Broadcasts during Indo-Pak Conflict**

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\*61. **Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri N. C. Chatterji:**  
**Shri P. K. Ghosh:**

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any protests were made by the Government of India in connection with the British Broadcasting Corporation having taken sides in their broadcasts regarding the Indo-Pak conflict in September, 1965;

(b) if so, the reply received from the U.K. Government or from the British Broadcasting Corporation; and

(c) the purpose of the recent visit of the Director of the British Broadcasting Corporation External Services to India and the clarification he has given regarding the stand taken by the British Broadcasting Corporation in the last Indo-Pak conflict?

**The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla):** (a) Yes, Sir. Our High Commission in London protested to the BBC against the anti-Indian slant of several of its programmes dealing with the Indo-Pakistan conflict, and expressed our regret and disappointment.

(b) The BBC maintained that its broadcasts were impartial and were based on such reports as it has received. Letters of complaint received from Indians were broadcast and the BBC invited our High Commissioner and Deputy High Commissioner to express our views on the air on three occasions.

(c) His purpose was to visit the BBC's Bureau in New Delhi. Opportunity was taken of his presence by both officials and non-officials to discuss with him the stand taken by the BBC during the Indo-Pak conflict. He maintained that in the BBC's view the broadcasts had been impartial and that Pakistan had also complained.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** The hon. Minister said that BBC maintained the independence of opinion. May I know whether in both the cases, the Indo-Pakistan conflict and also the India-China conflict, the opinion of the British Government was advertised by BBC?

**Shri M. C. Chagla:** Our view is, and it continues to remain the same, that the broadcasts of BBC on the Indo-Pakistan conflict were not impartial, were not independent and were slanted towards Pakistan. But BBC maintains that it was impartial. How can we carry the controversy any further? As regards the India-China conflict, though this question does not deal with it, I take it that what it broadcast could not have satisfied us.

**Shri Hem Barua:** Sir, while our High Commissioner in London protested to the BBC authorities that the broadcasts were not impartial, the BBC authorities are reported to have said that they were going to