

किये गये हैं जिनका उपयोग नहीं हुआ और न फ्रंट पर सप्लाई किये गये बल्कि उनको राइट आफ़ कर के 30,35 हजार रु० में बेच दिया गया ।

क्या सरकार इस तरह का रिआर्गेनाइजेशन करेगी जिससे कि जो स्पेयर पार्ट्स खरीदे जायं वह प्रापरली ढंग से खरीदे जायं जिससे वह बोगस साबित न हों, आउट आफ़ डेट साबित न हों और अभी करोड़ों रुपये का घाटा जो सहना पड़ता है वह न सहना पड़े ? दरअसल यह करप्शन पाएलेट आफ़िसर या उससे ऊपर के अधिकारियों में नहीं है बल्कि जो उच्च अधिकारी फोरेन मिशंस में काम करते हैं और जो इंडेंट और परचेज करते हैं उनके अन्दर यह भ्रष्टाचार होता है ।

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: This is a suggestion for action. We have taken note of it.

Radio Moscow Campaign to Boost Indian Communists

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SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA:
SHRI SURAJ BHAN:
SHRI N. K. SOMANI:
SHRI D. AMAT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Radio Moscow has been campaigning to boost Indian reds;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this Radio has been criticising some political parties in India;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps Government have taken to protest to the Government of U.S.S.R. in this regard; and

(e) the reply of Government of U.S.S.R. to such protests?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c). As in case of other commentaries in foreign countries, recent commentaries in the Radio Moscow are seen to have assessed the Indian political scene and political parties according to the Radio's own standards and predilections. It describes some parties as leftists and democratic and maintains that they are getting wider support. Certain other parties have been described as right-wing and reactionary.

(d) Government do not consider such general assessments of foreign newspapers and radio broadcasts as calling for protests.

(e) Does not arise.

श्री शारदा नन्द : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आप के माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहूंगा कि विदेशी रेडियो इस प्रकार से जो प्रचार कर रहे हैं उन को वह हमारे देश के आन्तरिक मामलों में हस्तक्षेप मानते हैं या नहीं ?

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय, किस ब्रौडकास्ट के बारे में उन्होंने कहा है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : जो बाहर के देशों के रेडियो से प्रचार आता है उसको भारत के आन्तरिक मामलों में हस्तक्षेप मानते हैं या नहीं माननीय सदस्य ने यह प्रश्न पूछा है ?

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह इस पर निर्भर करता है कि वह ब्रौडकास्ट किस नेचर का है और कहाँ से आया है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मूल सवाल रेडियो मास्को के बारे में है ।

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : रेडियो मास्को के बारे में पूछे गये मूल प्रश्न के जवाब में मैंने कहा है कि यह उस रेडियो के अपने स्टेन्डर्ड्स मुताबिक इंडियन पोलिटिकल सीन और राजनीतिक पार्टियों का एंसेसमेंट है और इस तरह के जनरल एंसेसमेंट को हम अपने देश के मामलों में उन के द्वारा

इंटरफीएरेंस नहीं मानते हैं और प्रोटेस्ट करने की जरूरत नहीं समझते हैं।

श्री शारदा नन्द : मास्को रेडियो द्वारा किये जा रहे साम्यवादी प्रचार और यहां की जो कुछ राजनीतिक पार्टियां हैं उनको वह प्रतिक्रियावादी और इस तरह के अनाप-शनाप शब्दों से सम्बोधित करते हैं, आज तो इस सरकार को चूक वामपंथी दलों का उनको समर्थन प्राप्त है इसलिए उनको खुशी है कि वह दूसरों को इस तरह से गालियां देते हैं और यह सुनते हैं तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार इस पर विचार करेगी कि इस तरह का जो उस रेडियो द्वारा प्रचार हो रहा है उसका निराकरण करने के लिए और उसको रोकने के लिए उन विभिन्न राजनीतिक पार्टियों को जिनको कि वह रेडियो अपने ब्रौडकास्ट्स में प्रतिक्रियावादी कहता है, उन पार्टियों के नेताओं को उसका जवाब देने के लिए आल इंडिया रेडियो पर उनके लिए समय देने की व्यवस्था करेंगे ?

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं पहले ही कह चुका हूँ कि मास्को रेडियो ने अभी कोई ऐसी बात नहीं कही है जिसके लिए उनके द्वारा हमारे देश के आन्तरिक मामलों में दखलभंडाजी समझी जाय या उनके उस ब्रौडकास्ट को श्रीबज्रनेबुल समझा जाय। अलबत्ता वहां से ऐसे आने वाले ब्रौडकास्ट जोकि हमारे अंदरूनी मामलात में मदाखलत करते हों और ऐतराज वाले हों उन पर हम जरूर प्रोटेस्ट करेंगे।

श्री शारदा नन्द : मैंने पूछा था कि उस रेडियो द्वारा अपने ब्रौडकास्ट में इस तरह से जो यहां की कई राजनीतिक पार्टियों को प्रतिक्रियावादी बताया जा रहा है और उनके विरुद्ध इस प्रकार से अनापशनाप प्रचार किया जा रहा है, उसका निराकरण किया जा सके, सही बात लोग जान सकें इस के

लिए क्या आल इंडिया रेडियो पर अपनी बात कहने का उन पार्टियों के नेताओं को समय देंगे ?

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : जहां तक मेरा खयाल है हमारे आल इंडिया रेडियो से भी इस किस्म की बातें होती हैं, गलत बातें कभी कभी खुद हमारे अपने लोगों द्वारा कह दी जाती हैं लेकिन

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member's question is, in case of such broadcasts directed against certain parties or leaders, whether you will provide them with an opportunity to contradict it.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): Sir, you will appreciate that comments appear in our newspapers here, in foreign newspapers and also in foreign broadcasts including that of the broadcast from the Soviet Union. It would be rather difficult for us to make a commitment that we would counteract each comment. There are facilities available in this country to hon. Members and leaders

SHRI RANGA: Where are they?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: . . . to make statements which are duly published in newspapers and other media. But when we see something appearing against the country or against our interests, we certainly employ our media to see that the position is corrected.

श्री शारदा नन्द : मेरे द्वारा पूछे गये प्रश्न का मंत्री महोदय ने माकूल जवाब नहीं दिया है।

MR. SPEAKER: It is not always essential that you should get the reply that you like.

एक माननीय सदस्य : यह चुपचाप सुनते रहते हैं। मंत्री महोदय बतलायें कि विदेशी रेडियो मास्को का उन्होंने कब प्रतिवाद या निराकरण किया है ?

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : मंत्री महोदय बतलाते क्यों नहीं कि कब उन्होंने मास्को

रेडियो के अनापशनाप प्रचार का प्रतिवाद किया है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इस पार्लियामेंट को आप ने मजाक क्यों बना रक्खा है ?

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : मंत्री महोदय जवाब क्यों नहीं देते कि कब उन्होंने प्रतिवाद किया ?

MR. SPEAKER : Every day this is going on. I am not going to tolerate it.

SHRI PILOO MODY : This will go on till such time you force the Ministers to give relevant answers here.

MR. SPEAKER : So, you were left.

SHRI N. K. SOMANI : It is a great pity, Sir, that the vile and obnoxious propaganda undertaken by Radio Moscow not only against our democratic institutions but even against the judiciary of this country is not considered objectionable by this Government. This can only happen if the Government are not concerned about the integrity and sovereignty of our own country.

MR. SPEAKER : Kindly come to the question.

SHRI N. K. SOMANI : I would quote one line, Sir. In the face of such an objectionable statement made by the hon. Minister for External Affairs, I would like to know the reaction of the Government to a statement by Radio Moscow which says:

"The Act (Bank Nationalisation Act) met with furious resistance from the leaders of the reactionary Swatantra and Jan Sangh parties. . . ."

It goes on to say:

"They exerted no little effort to prevent the implementation of the nationalisation law, and it was they, it appears, who inspired the Supreme Court's decision." Sir, if this is not objectionable. . . .

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : It is highly objectionable.

SHRI N. K. SOMANI : I do not understand how they will maintain the integrity and sovereignty of this country. Therefore, in view of this specific broadcast which has been monitored by the Simla section of the All India Radio on 24th February 1970, I would like to know what specific steps the Government have taken through the External Affairs Ministry to put back the Soviet broadcasters in their place and tell them that the democratic and judicial processes of this country are entirely a matter of our own and we won't brook any interference from any outside party.

SHRI DINESH SINGH : I entirely agree with the hon. Member that a reference to the Supreme Court in these terms should not have been made by the radio of a friendly country. (*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आर्डर, आर्डर ।

SHRI DINESH SINGH : The Soviet Charge d'affaires was sent for and this matter was brought to his notice that Radio Moscow should not make statements which may cast aspersions on our institutions, especially the Supreme Court. (*Interruptions*)

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उन्होंने आपको उमका उत्तर क्या दिया. . . .

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आर्डर, आर्डर । इस तरह से बीच में इंटरप्ट मत कीजिये ।

SHRI N. K. SOMANI : A minute ago the Deputy Minister said that there is no cause for complaint and there is nothing objectionable as far as broadcasts of Radio Moscow are concerned. In the next breath his senior Minister has said that he has sent for the Soviet Charge d'affaires. Why is there such a dichotomy in this?

Secondly, what is the reaction of the Soviet representative? Has he apologised or has he given any assurance that such propaganda will not be carried on?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : So far as the first part of the question is concerned, when the hon. Member says that there is a diffe-

rence in the statement made by my colleague and I, I would like him to have a look at the question that has been asked. It is there in the question. It does not refer to the institutions. It specifically refers to the references that might have been made against the political Parties. I have said in reply that we had not taken up this matter with the Soviet representative.

So far as the institution is concerned and especially an institution like the Supreme Court, I mentioned that we had taken it up.

SHRI HEM BARUA: Is it not a fact that the so-called Radio Peace and Progress of Moscow has been carrying on a virulent campaign against political parties and individuals also? If so, is it not a fact that this so-called Radio Peace and Progress is a wing of the Moscow Radio, or is it a separate organisation? May I know whether Government have tried to find out whether this Radio Peace and Progress is a separate organisation or a wing of the Moscow radio?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: On a number of occasions earlier we have given reply to this. I will repeat it again for the benefit of the hon. Member. It is true certain critical references have been made about our political parties and individuals.

SHRI HEM BARUA: About Naxalite movement also.

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: We have taken up this with the Russian Government and we have said that these broadcasts were undesirable, that they are likely to create misunderstanding and they should use their influence with the Radio Peace and Progress to stop them. We have been informed by the Russian authorities that this particular radio is organised and run by an autonomous body and it is not under the control of the Government.

SHRI HEM BARUA: On a previous occasion the Minister said that the Government there has no control over the radio. But my question is specific, whether this radio is a wing of the Moscow Radio or not. If it is a wing of the Moscow Radio, it must be controlled by the Moscow Radio.

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: I have said that it is an autonomous organi-

sation. If it is autonomous it cannot be under the control of Radio Moscow.

SHRI PILOO MODY: That is not our understanding of autonomous organisations in this country.

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: It is most unfortunate.

SHRI TENNETI VISWANATHAM: May I know whether it is possible for any institution to exist outside the control of the Government in Russia?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: There was a specific question whether this was under the control of Radio Moscow and under the control of Soviet Government. Soviet Government have informed us that this is an autonomous body, not under their control. We have to accept their statement.

SHRI HEM BARUA: My question is specific; whether this is a wing of Radio Moscow.

DR. RANEN SEN: From the questions and answers, it appears Members of the Swatantra party and Jan Sangh are closely listening to Moscow Radio. It is also quite evident they have taken objection to Moscow Radio depicting these two parties and considering some of these parties as reactionary parties. May I know whether it is a fact or not that a majority of this House consider these parties as reactionary?

MR. SPEAKER: This question does not arise. Shri Vajpayee.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी: पहले रेडियो पीस एंड प्रोग्रेस की तरफ से भारत के घरेलू मामलों में खुला हस्तक्षेप होता था, उस समय सोवियट सरकार भी और उस की पिछलग्गू हमारी सरकार भी यह कह कर अपनी चमड़ी बचाने की कोशिश करती थी कि वह रेडियो आटोनोमस है, लेकिन आज मास्को रेडियो निरन्तर भारत के घरेलू मामलों में दखल दे रहा है। इस समय यहां अनेक पार्टियां हैं, यहां पर लोकतंत्र है और पार्टियों में मतभेद है। मैं पूछना चाहता हूं

कि अगर अल इंडिया रेडियो से जो मतभेद सोवियट कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी में चल रहे हैं उन के बारे में चर्चा की जायेगी तो हमारे मास्को के मित्र उसको किस प्रकार से लेंगे ? क्या यह हमारे घरेलू मामलों में दखल नहीं है अगर इस तरह के प्रसारण वहां से किये जाते हैं ?

श्री दिनेश सिंह : हमारे सोवियट मित्र उस को किस तरह से लेंगे यह मैं कैसे बतला सकता हूँ ?

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : मंत्री महोदय ने मेरे दूसरे प्रश्न का उत्तर नहीं दिया। मास्को रेडियो द्वारा भारत के राजनीतिक दलों के विरुद्ध प्रसारण क्या हमारे घरेलू मामलों में दखल नहीं है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह सवाल पूछा जा चुका है।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : मेरे सवाल का जवाब दिलवाइये।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : उन्होंने जवाब दिया है।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : क्या दिया है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप देख लिजिये।

श्री हुकमचन्द कछवाय : जवाब दिलवाया जाय। उन्होंने जवाब नहीं दिया है।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : तब मुझ को व्यवस्था का प्रश्न उठाना पड़ेगा। क्या आपने मेरे प्रश्न को हिसअल्लाह कर दिया है ? क्या यह मंत्री महोदय की इच्छा पर है कि वह जवाब दे या न दें ?

MR. SPEAKER: The same question was asked by a gentleman earlier whose name is here in the list. The reply was given by him.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: No reply was given.

MR. SPEAKER: The same reply may be repeated by the hon. Minister. As the hon. Member, the leader of the party has come late, I allow the Minister to repeat the answer given by him earlier.

श्री हुकमचन्द कछवाय : इसी वास्ते सदन में उत्तेजना फैल रही है। साफ उत्तर दिलवाइये।

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय, जवाब तो मैंने शुरू में दिया, श्री वाजपेयी ने सुना नहीं होगा।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : वह लेट आये। उस समय थे नहीं।

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : मैंने यह कहा था कि जो ब्राडकास्ट रेडियो मास्को से हुए हैं उनमें जो कुछ भी जिक्र आया है पोलिटिकल पार्टीज का वह इस शकल में नहीं था कि हम उसको दखल-अन्दजी मान लें। यह बात जरूर है कि जो उनका रिफरेंस सुप्रीम कोर्ट के बारे में हुआ वह ठीक नहीं था। उसके लिये मिनिस्टर साहब ने कहा है कि वह गलत था और उस के बारे में हमने प्रोटेस्ट किया है। और जो रिफरेंस आये हैं वह ऐसे नहीं हैं जिन पर हम आब्जेक्शन कर सकें या जिन को हम इंटरफिरेंस मान लें।

SHRI PILOO MODY: I am really surprised at the supposed naivety of the Government when the Minister says that the autonomous bodies of the Soviet Union are more autonomous than they are in India. I think that merely saying that that has nothing to do with the External Affairs Ministry is not enough. This has been brought to their notice—not once but half a dozen times—by me and many others in this House. The naked propaganda that Moscow Radio and Radio Peace and Progress have been doing is directed not only against political parties but also against individuals such as Shri Morarji Desai, even at the time he was our Deputy Prime Minister, Shri S. K. Patil and a host of others including Shri Vaipayee

and other colleagues of mine on this side of the House. They have called us as reactionaries. We do not mind our being called like that. We are proud of that. But. . .

MR. SPEAKER: Do not make a speech. Please ask a question.

SHRI PILOO MODY: It is time for this Government not to sit smugly and go on saying that they are helpless, thereby displaying their cowardliness in front of the entire nation. I think it is time. . .

MR. SPEAKER: Will you please ask a question?

SHRI PILOO MODY: I think it is time that the same severe strictures that were made against us are made against the Soviet Government. I want to know from this Government whether it will give us equal time on All India Radio, which happens to be a state monopoly. Give us equal time on All India Radio whether it is autonomous or otherwise so that we can shower the same abuses against the Soviet Union.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Let him do it through the Voice of America.

SHRI DINESH SINGH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, talking of naivete, I do not think the House would have seen a better performance of naivete than was presented by the hon. Member with all the theatrical gestures just now.

So far as the facts are concerned they are patent. Some reference is being made to a broadcast from a foreign country against the parties and against the individuals. And we have tried to convey to the hon. Members and to the House that we have brought to the notice of the Soviet Government the reaction of this House. My own feeling is that I cannot see any need for this.

So far as critical references are concerned, I shall be very glad to send to the hon. Member certain personal references made against my colleagues and members of my party by certain newspapers and others in the West towards whom he professes to be very friendly and I hope he will use his influence to see that they do not do that again.

SHRI PILOO MODY: Will he allow me time on All India Radio? Let him ask the 'Goebbels' sitting behind him.

SHRI DINESH SINGH: I had replied to an earlier question on the same subject saying 'no'.

SHRI PILOO MODY: Why not? Because you are cowards, Soviet stooges, lackeys. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI V. KRISHNAMOORTHY: I am sorry the Government of India are taking a very lenient view about foreign radio interference with our internal affairs. If it is a criticism by China or Pakistan, one can understand it. It is a different matter. Boosting of a party or criticising a party in the country by a foreign organisation amounts to giving money or giving direct support to the party or offering opposition to it. Time and again this Parliament has voiced its opposition against the interference of Moscow Radio with our internal affairs, even though the Russians have been allegedly friendly to India. I do not know why our hon. Minister is taking no action. Is he afraid of the Russian Masters? Why should he be afraid of anybody for that matter? Whether it is the American Radio or the Russian Radio, they have no right to interfere with the internal party politics of our country. May I know whether he will have courage enough at least hereafter to condemn or criticise the Russian authorities for not checking or preventing Moscow Radio from interfering in our internal affairs?

SHRI M. L. SONDHI: This is the authentic voice of India.

SHRI DINESH SINGH: When such irresponsible statements regarding masters and servants are made here by members, how can we expect people outside to be responsible and not criticise us or comment on our affairs?

DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH: He says the hon. member who put the question is irresponsible? Is it left to him to decide? It is for you to decide whether a statement made by a member here is irresponsible or otherwise.

SHRI RANGA: You are the Speaker. You should decide whether a member has

behaved irresponsibly or not (*Interruptions*). What is the use of having a Speaker if he is not prepared to find fault where the fault lies? When he is prepared to find fault with us, he must be equally prepared, courageous and impartial enough to find fault with them also. I have not found you discharge your responsibilities that way. We are very much disappointed.

MR. SPEAKER: You are very fond of involving yourself with the Chair. How can I force him to answer a question? I cannot (*Interruptions*). I cannot force a Minister to answer.

SHRI RANGA: He is an irresponsible man. He should be called so.

AN HON. MEMBER. Soviet *chamcha* (*Interruptions*).

MR. SPEAKER: During all this noise. I have not been able to follow.

SHRI V. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Is the expression 'Russian masters' unparliamentary? How can he say that I am irresponsible? It is he who is irresponsible.

SHRI M. L. SONDHY: Kindly ask him to withdraw the word. He has no right to use it (*Interruptions*).

MR. SPEAKER: When all of you are speaking, it is very difficult to follow.

SHRI M. L. SONDHY: What is his record of foreign policy. A list of failures.

SHRI DINESH SINGH: Regarding the substance of the question put by the hon. member, I mentioned, and my colleague in his reply mentioned, that critical references are made by foreign radios from many countries. There is nothing that we can do about it. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK: On a point of order. The hon. Minister just now said that the foreign radios do mention the names. Earlier to a similar question he or his predecessor replied in this very House that they have protested, that it is something bad. But today he comes forward with the justification that they do use the names and that

he cannot do anything. It contradicts their own earlier statement. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SURENDRANATH DWIVEDY: Is the Minister in a position to deny that all news broadcasts or press statements emanating from Russia are regimented and that there is no independence and free expression of opinion? Therefore, is he satisfied that these Radio Peace and Progress or Moscow Radio broadcasts are independent of the Government and that the USSR has no responsibility, direct or indirect, whatever for the news that is broadcast by these agencies?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: We must accept the statement made by a Government. We cannot interfere in the internal affairs of another country. (*Interruptions*)

श्री रणधीर सिंह : यह वाकई बड़ी अफवीसनाक बात है कि रूस जैसा देश जिसकी हिन्दुस्तान के 55 करोड़ आदमियों के साथ दोस्ती है, हिन्दुस्तान की नेशन के साथ दोस्ती है, हिन्दुस्तान की कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी के साथ नहीं बल्कि सारे देश के साथ दोस्ती है उसकी कुछ पाटियों या लोगों के वारे में इस तरह का प्रचार होने दे । हिन्दुस्तान की नेशन कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी नहीं है, बल्कि सारी पार्टीज हैं । किसी एक पार्टी के साथ अगर रूस दोस्ती का दम भरता है तो इसका मतलब है कि उसके दिमाग और दिल में कुछ काला है । या तो वह दोस्ती का दम भरे या साफ कहे कि हम दोस्त नहीं हैं । अगर वह किसी पार्टी की बेइज्जती करता है तो हिन्दुस्तान की बेइज्जती करता है । मैं चाहता हूँ कि सरकार पुरजोर इस बात का प्रोटेस्ट करे और बताये कि यह हिन्दुस्तान के अन्दरूनी हालात में दखल देना है और आइंदा वह हिन्दुस्तान की मुक्तलिफ पार्टीज को क्रिटिसाइज न करे ? अगर उसने ऐसा किया तो हम समझेंगे कि रूस जो कहता है उस पर अमल नहीं करता है, उसमें फर्क है । क्या आप रूस से पूछेंगे कि क्या वह अपनी पालिसी बदलने के लिए तैयार है ?

श्री विनेश सिंह : जहां तक हाउस की

बात है हाउस की बात तो उनके पास पहुंचती रहती है। इसके अलावा मैंने कहा है कि जो हमने मुनासिब समझा उसको उनसे कहा, उसका उनसे जिक्र किया। उन्होंने भी यह उत्तर दिया कि यहां हमारे अखबारों में तरह तरह की खबरें छपती रहती हैं जिससे रूस और भारत की मंत्री में फर्क पड़ सकता है और कुछ लोग ऐसे हैं जो फर्क लाना चाहते हैं। लिहाजा इस तरह के क्रिटिसिज्म यहां भी छपते हैं और वहां भी छपते हैं इसको हमको उस तरह से देखना चाहिये . . .

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : छपने की बात नहीं है। रेडियो की बात हो रही है।

श्री श्रीम प्रकाश त्यागी : यह इनके दिमाग की उपज है।

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA: May I know whether any governmental agency can indulge in the sort of things that are being indulged in by Radio Moscow and whether this, as Mr. Mody pointed out, can be permitted to our governmental radio, and is there any reciprocity as between Government agency and Government agency that nothing should be done which may affect the friendly relations between one country and another? You are comparing them with the radios of the West or other countries, you have not mentioned it, but do you mean to say that all those radios are Government agencies? We are concerned with a governmental instrument being used in this particular matter. If the private voice is heard, we have no complaint, and we can meet it, but the question is that you maintain a Government agency. In view of the fact that you do not allow any criticism in your radio about the Soviet Union with which we have friendly relations, is it not your duty really to bring to the attention of the Soviet Union that they should follow some kind of reciprocity and not criticise the internal politics of this country in the Moscow Radio? Have they drawn their attention? Will they draw the attention of that Government to this?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: The hon. Member if I may say so has brought up the

real point and said that we ought to take notice. The question that has been put is whether Radio Moscow which is a governmental organisation so far as the Soviet Union is concerned has been indulging in matters about which we should take some notice and what action had been taken by us. I think the hon. lady Member was not here when the question was raised earlier by a Member and we said that there had been some critical references which came over the Moscow radio, which could be taken to cast some kind of aspersion against the functioning of the Supreme Court. We have protested to the Soviet Government on this issue. Regarding references that are made about the internal situation, against the Government, against our policies, etc. The Soviet Union has told us that Radio Moscow does not make critical references about these they have made some references about the general functioning. The general comments that appear about the parties, we feel, were not of a nature to which we should take objection. The functioning of Radio Peace and Progress has been discussed in this House on several occasions and my colleague, the hon. Minister, has already brought the House up-to-date about what further action has been taken. We have informed the Soviet Government that these comments are likely to create some misunderstanding and cannot contribute to the strengthening of good relations.

श्री स० मो० बनर्जी : रेडियो पीस एंड प्रोग्रेस से जो कुछ भी कहा जाता है, वह सब मैंने सुना नहीं है, क्योंकि मैं विदेशी रेडियो नहीं सुनता हूँ। (व्यवधान) रूस एक समाजवादी देश है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : माननीय सदस्य एक्सप्लेनेशन में न पड़ें। वह सीधे सवाल पूछें।

श्री स० मो० बनर्जी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं सवाल ही पूछने जा रहा हूँ। आखिर यह सवाल है, कोई गोली तो नहीं है कि मैं फौरन चला दूँ। रूस एक समाजवादी देश है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह किसको पता

नहीं है कि वह एक समाजवादी देश है? आप सवाल पूछें।

श्री स० मो० बनर्जी : इसलिए समाजवाद के विषय जो तत्व हैं, वह उनकी नुक्ता-चीनी एक कंस्ट्रक्टिव ढंग से करता है। अगर वह ऐसा नहीं करता है, तो वह एक समाजवादी देश नहीं है। (व्यवधान) मंत्री महोदय ने यह ठीक कहा है कि वह यहां की भावनाओं सोवियत सरकार को पहुंचा देंगे। लेकिन क्या उनके कानों में कभी यह बात आई है कि वायस आफ अमेरिका, जो एक गवर्नमेंट एजेंसी नहीं है, (व्यवधान) आटोनीमी के नाम पर इस देश के खिलाफ और यहां पर लिये गये प्रोग्रेसिव मेजर्स के खिलाफ एक स्वीडर केम्पेयन करता रहता है; अगर हाँ, तो क्या उसके बारे में भी कोई कार्यवाही की जायेगी और क्या अमरीका को कहा जायेगा कि यह एक अनफेडली एक्ट है? (व्यवधान)

Has he represented to the Soviet Union about certain comments expressed in this House by those Members who according to us are reactionaries but Members of Parliament. Another thing is that it has been brought to his notice that the Voice of America has in a sustained manner been propagating against progressive measures in this country which were taken against the capitalists and their system. Has it been brought to his notice and if so what steps have been taken?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: Government have got to reckon with the comments expressed in the House. The hon. Member has now brought to our notice the need he feels for us to write to the United States Government about the Voice of America broadcasts and we shall certainly look into that. But, after that, may I request hon. Members to take up these matters in a way in which we can really be effective? If there is something which vitally concerns our country and if we are annoyed about any matter, we shall certainly take it up strongly with the Government, but we should not be too sensitive to general criticisms that have been levelled against us in public life. We are getting quite used to it from various re-

ferences that are made by hon. Members from the Opposition.

New Victoria Cotton Mills, Kanpur

*1295. **SHRI S. M. BANERJEE:** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the New Victoria Cotton Mills Ltd., Kanpur has started working;

(b) if so, the number of workers taken on work;

(c) the number of those workers who are still out; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to take them it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b). The work of repairing, overhauling and testing of the machines has been taken in hand and trial running of a few sections has been started with 582 workers.

(c) and (d). It is proposed to extend the working of mills gradually and to employ over 50% of workers on roll.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: A decision was taken by the Government after proper investigation that this mill may be taken over by the Textile Corporation of India and I hope it has been taken over. It was also decided that the State Government of Uttar Pradesh would give a loan or spend Rs. 28 akhs on this. Now, I am told that the Uttar Pradesh Government has refused to give it and it has asked the Centre to bear the expenses with the result that there is no progress made with regard to the working of the mill. I want to know what decision has been taken by the Government to get that amount either from the State Government or to give that money for the running of this mill.

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): The letter of the Uttar Pradesh Government saying that they will not participate in the financing of this mill has been received on the 10th April, that is, early this month. This matter is before the National Textile Corporation who have been asked to look into this matter and