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QUESTION NO.433 JUDGEMENT ON HYDERABAD MONIES LYING IN UK BANK

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.433
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2016

JUDGEMENT ON HYDERABAD MONIES LYING IN UK BANK

433. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that UK High Court has recently given judgment on Hyderabad monies lying in UK bank;
- (b) if so, the details of the judgement in UK High Court;
- (c) whose position is vindicated in the judgement;
- (d) the ground on which Pakistan is claiming that UK Judge has accepted that there is good evidence to support Pakistan's claim to monies; and
- (e) what exactly is the picture of the case now?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (e) The High Court of Justice in London is currently seized of the case 'High Commissioner for Pakistan in the UK v Prince Mukkaram Jah & others' pertaining to the monies of erstwhile State of Hyderabad which is held frozen in the National Westminster Bank (London) since 1948.

On 21 June 2016, in the pre-trial judgement, the High Court dismissed Pakistan's application invoking

limitation against India's claim to the monies.

In so far as Pakistan's claims to the monies is concerned, the Judge observed that Pakistan's claim to beneficial ownership of the Fund cannot be dismissed as having no real prospect of success, but must go to trial. The Judge also observed that there is much force in many of the arguments advanced by India and the Princes challenging Pakistan's claims to the ownership of the monies.

The matter is to be settled through trial in England, or by other means agreed between the parties to the case.



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