

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: I require notice for details.

SHRI DINKAR DESAI: The Minister has said that the Ceylon Government have put some restrictions on non-Ceylonese banks including Indian banks. Are Government considering putting similar restrictions on Ceylonese banks in India, if there are any?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: There is no Ceylonese banks in India and we do not believe in any retaliatory measures. I may mention that the Finance Minister of Ceylon has introduced a Bill in their Parliament in which he proposes to relax some of these restrictions.

श्री सु० प्र० खां : क्या यह सही है कि सीलोन सरकार ने काटन टेक्स्टाइल के इम्पोर्ट पर पाबन्दी लगा दी है, यदि हाँ, तो, उससे हमारी निजार्त पर क्या असर पड़ेगा ?

श्री ब० रा० भगत : अगर माननीय सदस्य इस के बारे में नया सवाल पूछे, तो मैं उन को जवाब दे दूँगा ।

श्री सु० प्र० खां : यह सवाल इस बारे में है कि सीलोन सरकार ने कुछ पाबन्दियाँ लगा दी हैं । उसी मिलिमिने में मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ ।

SHRI TRIDIB KUMAR CHAUDHURI: Have Government received any representation from our banks operating in Ceylon in regard to the inconveniences they are put to because of these restrictions, and has any representation been made at the official level about this?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: There has been no representation. Actually, this is an old restriction applied in 1961 or so. Recently there is a move to relax it.

हिन्द महासागर से ब्रिटिश सेनाओं का हटाया जाना

1141 श्री यशवंत सिंह कुशवाह : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि हिन्द महासागर से ब्रिटिश सेनाओं को हटा लिये जाने के ब्रिटिश निर्णय के परिणामस्वरूप वहाँ पैदा हो सकने वाली शक्ति-शून्यता को भरने के लिये क्या भारतीय नौसैनिक शक्ति को बढ़ाने का सरकार का विचार है ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): Government do not accept the validity of the proposition that a vacuum will be created in the Indian Ocean on the British decision to withdraw from the areas east of Suez. We are concerned with the defence of our coast-line and the protection of our trade and commerce and for this purpose adequate steps are being taken to strengthen the Navy.

श्री यशवंत सिंह कुशवाह : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि ब्रिटेन की कितनी नौ-सेना शक्ति अपने हिन्द महासागर में थी जो कि चली जायेगी, और वह कब तक चली जायेगी ? तथा क्या उतनी ही मात्रा में भारत की अपनी सैनिक शक्ति बढ़ा ली जायेगी जितनी कि ब्रिटेन की तरफ वाली नौसेना शक्ति हिन्द महासागर से जा रही है ?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: The two are not at all inter-connected. The British had some naval forces in different parts or areas adjoining the Indian Ocean. There was no naval presence on the Indian coast. And our policy, which is well known to this House, is not to send our navy to other countries. So, I do not see the relationship between these two.

श्री यशवंत सिंह कुशवाह : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि मौजूदा साल में अपनी नौ-सैनिक शक्ति

भारत कितने प्रतिशत बढ़ा रहा है और हर वर्ष कितने प्रतिशत बढ़ाता जायेगा और क्या इस शक्ति की वृद्धि के समय इस बात का ध्यान रखा जायेगा कि जिन विदेशी ताकतों की नजर हिन्द महा-सागर पर है उन से कहीं ज्यादा भारत की नौ-सेना शक्ति हो जाये ?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: I cannot give any percentages of increases of the naval strength. I gave some information when the Defence Ministry demands were under discussion. We have given some information in the report also. I would like the hon. member to appreciate that the Indian Ocean as such covers a vast part of the globe. There is the East African coast, there is Australia, there is the whole of South Asia, and if it is imagined that we in India intend to have control over the Indian Ocean, I do not see the validity of this approach. We have to defend ourselves and we should take suitable steps accordingly. That is different from what the hon. member is asking, whether we will have enough navy to control the Indian Ocean. I do not know what it means.

SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA: I am glad that the hon. Minister has said that the Indian Ocean is a very big area, but he must also, at the same time, concede that there can be a vacuum, that the British withdrawal is not a negligible factor, and that, with the possibility of U.S. withdrawal also, there naturally arises the possibility that in the foreseeable future China may seek to fill the vacuum. In that connection, may I know if the Government as thinking of building up an alternative in the Indian Ocean in collaboration with the Soviet Navy or for that matter with assistance from any other country?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: It is not our intention firstly to accept the validity of this concept that any vacuum can be created. If any foreign Power leaves any particular area, then it is for that area and for that territory to

take adequate steps to safeguard their own safety and their own country. If they ask any other country for help, that could be considered, but when even a country like the U.K. is withdrawing from overseas commitments, for a country like India, which has never believed in that concept, to think in these terms, is absolutely inconsistent with our approach to this problem.

श्री जार्ज फर्नेंडीज : अध्यक्ष : हींद कई दिनों से यह बहस चल रही है रूसी नौ-सेना को हिन्दुस्तान के बन्दरगाहों में कुछ सुविधाएं देने की बातचीत चल रही है और यह असलियत है कि रूसी नौ-सेना के बड़े अधिकारी चन्द दिनों के पहले भारत में आये थे और कुछ दिनों तक भारत सरकार के मेहमान बन कर वह दिल्ली में भी थे और हमारे दूसरे नौ-सेना केन्द्रों पर भी वह पहुंचाये गए थे तो मेरा प्रश्न यह है कि क्या ऐसा कोई भी समझौता आपका और रूसी सरकार का हुआ है कि जिस से हिन्द महासागर में अथवा हिन्दुस्तान के किसी भी बन्दरगाह में आप रूसी नौ-सेना को कोई भी सुविधा देने वाले हैं ?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: There is no understanding, nothing has been decided, and nothing is under consideration by way of giving any facilities to any foreign Navy in Indian ports. I would like, therefore, to take this opportunity of contradicting this news which has been circulated by certain interested countries and certain interested individuals abroad that we are contemplating giving any facilities to the Soviet Navy in Indian ports or Indian coast. That news is absolutely incorrect, there is no foundation whatsoever for that.

SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI: Is it a fact that some ships of the Indian Navy had conducted a goodwill tour of Southeast Asian countries in the recent past, and if so, what measure of success has been achieved by them?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: Yes, Sir. The Indian Naval ships did pay goodwill visits to several countries in the South-east Asian region, and they were most welcome visitors to those countries, and the reports that we have received are very encouraging and very good.

श्री गुजाम मोहम्मद बहशी : मैं जनाब फ्रान्सेबल मिनिसटर से जानना चाहता हूँ कि किसी के विद्वानों से कोई वैकुण्ठ पैदा होता है या नहीं इस का तो जवाब आप ने दिया लेकिन घाया हमारी स्ट्रेन्थ इस हद तक है या इतना हद तक लाने का इरादा है गवर्नमेंट का कि अगर कभी बुदा-ना-खस्ता कोई खतरा पैदा हुआ उस तरफ से तो बी विल बी एबल टु डिफेंड प्रवरसेल्फ ?

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श्री स्वर्ण सिंह : जी हा, ऐसा
यका इरादा है।

SHRI R. K. SINHA: The British do not own the Indian Ocean. The withdrawal of the British should not lead to a vacuum, because it is a natural part of decolonisation. I want to ask the Minister whether our concept is that by the withdrawal of the British forces the people in the Indian Ocean area will feel the vacuum or is it some sort of fear complex that is filling our minds and the minds of the people in this House?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: Nothing is worrying me. So, this question is directed more to the persons who put this question. I have clarified the position that the withdrawal of any

political power or any outside military presence in any part of the world is something which we greatly welcome. It is for the countries and the region concerned to take appropriate measures for their safety and we will certainly try to help if we are approached. It is not for us to fish for this type of request to us, let us be quite clear, and I have absolutely no fear. On this British withdrawal, comments have been put across in a certain section of the press abroad, and I think some of our friends who ask these questions are somehow or other indirectly influenced by a propagandist presentation of this withdrawal.

SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK: The hon. Minister just now said that there is no validity in the view that a vacuum is being created, and that it is against our concept to think of anything but our coast. May I know whether he has no knowledge of history, and whether he knows that it was because of the neglect of sea power that we were conquered by the British and the country remained enslaved for more than a hundred years? May I know whether the British built up their naval power in the Indian Ocean because they had their own interests, whether India has no interests in the Indian Ocean beyond its coast? Don't we have any islands in the Indian Ocean vital for our defence, don't we have any countries in the Indian Ocean whose defence is inter-linked with our defence? Is it not proper for us to take steps in time to see that the naval power in this area remains within India's reach, and that this vacuum is not filled up either by Russia or America or by Pakistan with the help of CENTO countries?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: Surely the academic knowledge of a professor is more and his knowledge of history might be better. But I have to deal with concrete problems and I should like to say that the build-up of the British Navy for colonial purposes is well-known subject-matter of history and even laymen should know that much history that by building a strong navy they were

able to dominate a good part of the world and created colonies, and we also became slaves at that time. Now that the process of deconolisation has started, we should encourage the emergence of forces which enable different countries to look after their own defence and make their own defensive arrangements. It will be bad if there is substitution of one power by any other power, Soviet or American, in any region. We have to encourage the nationalist forces. I am surprised at what he says because when I talk of our coastline perhaps he feels that the islands are not included. It is not correct. We have to defend our islands and no other power can come to our rescue and help us in our defence of our islands.

SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA: Has it come to the notice of the Government that during the last two decades the might of the Soviet Navy has grown so gigantic that in some respects it is superior even to the US Navy and that the Soviet Navy is being deployed not only in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic but in the Pacific also and that this power vacuum that is being caused by the British withdrawal will automatically be the concern of both these big Powers in the matter of occupation? If so or if not what is the encouragement we are giving to the idea of making the people of the region themselves fill up this vacancy?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: There was the British presence in the Persian Gulf area—the Arabs call it the Arab Gulf; and then there was the British presence in Singapore also.. (Interruptions). They are withdrawing from Hong Kong. From Aden they have already taken a decision to withdraw. We are in close touch with the areas concerned and it is not our intention to enter into any pact or military arrangement as such. So far as our interests are concerned we shall do everything we can to safeguard our interests. We are equally interested in keeping navigation open both to the east as well as in the west. To that extent

we are fully conscious of the burden that is likely to fall upon our Navy and we are taking steps to ensure safe navigation and to safeguard lines of communication.

SHRI RANA: My hon. friend Mr. Hanamanthaiya had asked about the growing naval strength of the Soviet navy and how it affects the Indian Ocean area?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: There is no Soviet presence or Soviet navy in the Indian Ocean.

SHRI PASHABHAI PATEL: We have seen the performance of our Defence Minister on Tibet and again in regard to Kachchativu. Does he propose to send our Navy to Kashmir if there is trouble there?

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV: After the withdrawal of the British forces from the Indian Ocean and the creation of the so-called power vacuum, has any country of that area, Ceylon, Singapore, Malaysia or Indonesia, expressed any concern about it and have they shown any desire for the Government of India to come to their help by entering into some sort of a pact?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: Some countries in this region have felt some anxiety about the British withdrawal. But no one has approached us for any particular help.

श्री कंबर लाल गुप्त : अध्यक्ष महोदय ब्रिटिश विदरूटलज के बाद इस हिस्से में वैक्यूम हो गया है और उस वैक्यूम को हम पूरा नहीं करना चाहते - ऐसा आपने कहा है। लेकिन इस को कौन पावर पूरा करती है, इस का भारत पर जरूर असर होगा, चाहे हमारा होस्टाइल कंट्री होगा, तो भी होगा और मित्र देश होगा, तो भी होगा। मैं माननीय मंत्री से पूछना चाहता हूँ कि ब्रिटिश विदरूटल होने से हमारे भारत पर इस का क्या असर पड़ा है और आप उस असरको परा करने के लिये क्या कार्रवाही कर रहे हैं ?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: If there is hostile presence in the region vacated by the British, I concede that it will not be in our interest. But we have no information at the present moment to indicate that any naval or military presence hostile to India is being considered either by those countries or by other sources.

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA: How can I get information from the Minister? It is very difficult. He does not reply to questions properly.

MR. SPEAKER: That question had already been answered.

SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA: Our policy is to have two fleets—one on the western coast and another on the eastern coast and we held our joint naval exercises with the UK Navy. Is there any scheme for holding naval exercises in the Indian Ocean with the co-operation of other friendly nations?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: We are not having any naval exercises with the British; that is not correct to say so. The premises of the question does not exist. We have our own arrangements for naval exercises and if there are other friendly countries who want to participate, that request can be considered.

श्री मधु लिमये : जार्ज फरनेन्डीज के प्रश्न के उत्तर में मंत्री महोदय ने फरमाया कि सोवियत नाविक बेड़े को हम इस इलाके में कोई सुविधायें नहीं देने जा रहे हैं और न वहां पर वे कोई अपना अड्डा वगैरह कायम कर रहे हैं। मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि हमारे तटीय इलाके के संरक्षण के लिये और द्वीपों के रक्षण के लिये क्या हमारी जो वर्तमान नाविक शक्ति है उस को वह पर्याप्त समझते हैं? यदि वह काफी नहीं है तो क्या सोवियत रूस से कोई बातचीत चल रही है जिससे हमारी नाविक शक्ति में इजाफा हो और हम तटीय क्षेत्र तथा द्वीपों का अच्छी तरह से रक्षण कर पायें?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: The defence of our coastline and of our islands is our responsibility. We have no intention of asking for any help in the form of collaboration with our Navy from the Soviet Union, U.S.A. or U.K. or from any other country. It is a different matter that we want to strengthen our Navy by acquisition of more naval craft and developing other facilities. About that I made a detailed statement in reply to the debate. We are acquiring naval craft from various sources.

श्री मधु लिमये : मैं ने रूस के बारे में पूछा था मैं कोलबोरोशन की बात नहीं कर रहा हूँ। मैंने एक विशिष्ट सवाल पूछा था कि नाविक शक्ति को बढ़ाने के लिये क्या रूस से कोई बातचीत चल रही है?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: No, Sir.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : कल के अखबार में गोलवलकर जी का बयान छपा है कि अण्डेमान द्वीप को हम अपने कब्जे से रूस के कब्जे में देने जा रहे हैं। रशियन वहा पर अपने हवाई जहाज या नाव के अड्डे बनायें। उन्होंने कल के अखबार में यह बात साफ साफ कही है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि भारत सरकार की इसके बारे में क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

श्री स्वर्ण सिंह : मुझे हेरानी हुई कि किसी भारतीय के मन में यह बात कैसे पैदा हुई कि अण्डेमान और निकोबार को किसी को देने का सवाल है। मैंने इसे नहीं देखा है।

I do not believe that any person could have made a statement of that nature. I cannot comment on that.

श्री शशि भूषण बाजपेयी : गोलवलकर जी क्या हमेशा अफवाएं फैलाते हैं?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: Our air facilities are adequate and, as I said earlier, we are also developing some naval facilities also.

श्री कंबर लाल गुप्त : अध्यक्ष महोदय अभी माननीय सदस्य ने कहा कि गोलवालकर हमेशा ऐसी बकवास करते रहते हैं, क्या इस प्रकार की भाषा वे इस्तेमाल कर सकते हैं ?

एक माननीय सदस्य : इस प्रकार की भाषा को हम वदाशत नहीं करेंगे ।

MR. SPEAKER: How does it arise? That is between the parties. It is absolutely unnecessary here. How does Golwalkar come in defence? Whoever might say that, it is uncalled for and it is an unnecessary remark here. I am sorry.

श्री कंबर लाल गुप्त : आप उन से कहिये कि इन शब्दों को वापिस लें ।

MR. SPEAKER: I have said that it is uncalled for.

श्री कंबर लाल गुप्त : इनकी पार्टी के जो नेता बंटे हैं वे अपने सदस्यों को शिष्टाचार सिखायें । देश के किसी नेता को क्या वे इस प्रकार से गाली देंगे ?

MR. SPEAKER: I have myself said that it is uncalled for and it is not desirable. Will you kindly sit down? Let him take my word, when the Speaker or the Chair says it.

SHRI RANJIT SINGH: Now that we suspect that the Government has at long last realised that there are some islands to be defended by the Indian Navy belonging to us, and in view of the statement of the Defence Minister during the speech on the Defence budget that these islands are being patrolled by the Indian Navy, may I know (a) whether there is a fixed periodicity for patrolling these islands so that it may be ensured that no island is missed during the year and if he cannot disclose the periodicity for security reasons, could he at least

assure the House that there is a fixed periodicity, and (b) whether he is actively considering or what he has done about the suggestion of the previous Naval Chief that there should be some naval patrol bases, air bases, for patrolling the oceans on the Indian eastern coast and the western coast? What action is he taking regarding that suggestion?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: About (a) I would say that the naval boats and naval patrol boats and other naval craft do patrol these various islands from time to time. As regards the various time intervals, as he himself has judged it correctly, it is not proper to disclose it.

About the second part—part (b) I would like to say that there are, both in the eastern coast and the western coast, naval bases as you may call them so, where from patrolling takes place from time to time in all these regions.

SHRI RANJIT SINGH: I am talking about air patrols.

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: Air reconnaissance also is undertaken.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

Suspension of Production of Films in Bombay

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SNQ19. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:

SHRI S. S. KOTHARI:
SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH:
SHRI HIMATSINGKA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the shooting of films has stopped in Bombay thus rendering 10,000 persons unemployed;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to resolve the crisis; and