

LOK SABHA

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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri K. M. Vallatharas, who passed away on the 30th July 1968 at the age of 67.

Shri Vallatharas was a Member of the First Lok Sabha during the years 1952—57.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow.

The hon. Members then stood in silence for a short while.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Nagas Trying to Escape to China

*211. SHRI D. C. SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether about 200 Naga hostiles were ambushed and killed by the Indian Security Forces in a number of encounters on the Nagaland-Burma border in the later half of May, 1968;

(b) whether it is a fact that these hostiles were trying to sneak across the border on their way to China; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to strengthen the check on this border?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c). No, Sir. Presumably, Hon'ble Member is referring to the reported encounters on the Burmese side of the border in which a large number of Naga hostiles are understood to have been killed.

SHRI D. C. SHARMA: May I know if these Naga hostiles belong to our country or some other country?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: They belong to the State of Nagaland.

SHRI D. C. SHARMA: Have the number of checkposts been increased in order that there could be no infiltration into China of these hostiles via Burma?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: Yes, Sir; proper steps have been taken to safeguard our security and the number of checkposts have been increased to prevent their going out.

श्री प्रकाशबीर शास्त्री : इस मुठभेड़ के पश्चात् भारत सरकार को विद्रोही नागाओं में चिन्तों और दस्तावेजों के रूप में प्रमाण प्राप्त हुए थे कि चीन सरकार इन लोगों के द्वारा नागालैंड में वर्तमान सरकार के विरुद्ध विद्रोह की स्थिति पैदा करना चाहती है जिसके बाद भारत सरकार ने चीन सरकार को एक विरोधपत्र भेजा। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस विरोधपत्र की चीन पर कुछ प्रतिक्रिया हुई या नहीं और जो नागा इस प्रकार एक शत्रु देश के हथ में खीन रहे हैं, भविष्य में भारत सरकार का उन के साथ क्या बर्ताव रहेगा ?

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : हम ने चाइना को विरोधपत्र भेजे हैं लेकिन उन का कोई तमल्लीब्रूखन जवाब नहीं आया है। यह मा. को मालूम है कि बहुत से अंडरग्राउंड नागा चीन जा रहे हैं और उम की इमदाद ले रहे हैं। हम कोशिश कर रहे हैं कि वे वहां न जा सकें।

श्री मु० अ० खां : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि नागा होस्टाइल्स के साथ जो जंगन्दी का मुआहिदा है क्या हुकूमत उन में तौमीअ करने का इरादा रखती है; अगर हाँ, तो क्या हुकूमत को अभी तक नागाओं की तरफ से दो गई एंसारेंस पर एतबार है? क्या यह जंगन्दी में तौमीअ का दरमियानी वक्त नागा बागियों के साथ बातचीत में सफ़र किया जायेगा? अब तक जो तौमीअ दी जाती रही है क्या उम से कोई कारगमद हल निकला है? वक्तन-फवक्तन जो तौमीअ दी जाती रही है उस से बागी नागाओं की एन्टी-नेशनल एक्टिविटीज में बराबर इजाफा हो रहा है। क्या कभी उम का खतमा भी होगा?

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: A supplementary should not be more than 150 words.

श्री मु० अ० खां : आनरेबल मँबर ने कैसे गिन लिया कि मेरे सवाल में 150 से ज्यादा अल्फाज हैं।

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : आशा की जाती है कि यह प्रबलम जल्दी में जल्दा हल हो जायेगा और इम के लिये कोशिश की जा रही है?

SHRI HEM BARUA: Is it a fact that the Naga hostiles who have crossed over to China have contracted Mr. Phizo in London and in co-operation with Mr. Phizo they are trying to set up an emigre Christian Nagaland Government with headquarters in Peking and, if so, what is our response to this latest development?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: We have seen reports of that nature

in the Press, but we have no definite information about that.

SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOU-DHURI: Are the Government aware that from the other side of the Burma border large quantities of rubies are brought by Naga hostiles and they are made into packets and in those packets some maps showing the terrain and the passes have also been passed around? Has the Government any information about this?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: We have no specific information. If the hon. Member will let us know, we can find out.

श्री रवि राय : क्या यह सही है कि चर्च नेताओं ने हाल ही में कहा है कि नागाओं के भिन्न भिन्न मतावलम्बी नेताओं का एक सम्मेलन होने जा रहा है। जिस में चीन की तरफ जाने वाले नागा होस्टाइल्स के बारे में भी चर्चा होगी? क्या यह भी सही है कि भारत सरकार के मंत्री श्री जमीर भी उम सम्मेलन में एक प्रतिनिधि-मंडल ले कर सम्मिलित होंगे यदि हाँ तो श्री जमीर जो प्रतिनिधि-मंडल ले कर उम सम्मेलन में जायेंगे क्या वे सरकार के नुमाइन्दे होंगे या अपने निजी कर्त्तव्य के नुमाइन्दे होंगे?

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : यह खबर आज के अखबार में आई है कि चर्च लीडर एक कॉफेन बुला रहे हैं। जिन में अंडर-ग्राउंड, आवर ग्राउंड मुन्सलिफ किम्म के नागाज शामिल होंगे हैं। यह भी मालूम हुआ है कि नागालैंड के चीफ मिनिस्टर भी शायद उत में शामिल होंगे। मैं समझता हूँ कि वह अपनी प्राइवेट कैपेसिटी में शामिल होंगे। जमीर साहब भी अपनी प्राइवेट कैपेसिटी में शामिल होंगे।

SHRI B. N. SHASTRI: May I know from the hon. Minister whether it is not a fact that there are quite a good number of Naga people in Burma? Just now the hon. Minister has admitted that this incident took place on the Burmese side. May I know whe-

ther the Naga people living on the Burmese side are in collusion with the hostiles in Nagaland?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: This group of underground Nagas who were going from Nagaland, from the Indian side, to the Burmese side, were on their way to China. They came face to face with the Burmese troops; it is very difficult to say whether the Nagas on the Burmese side are in sympathy with the Naga hostiles or not. But the fact that one of the Nagas on the other side did manage to lead this group into an ambush goes to show that their sympathies are not with them.

श्री बेनी शंकर शर्मा : हम लोग इस सदन में नागा लैंड और नागाओं की समस्याओं के बारे में बहुत दिनों से सुनते आ रहे हैं और सुनते सुनते हमारे कान भी पक गये हैं लेकिन यह समस्या मृग-मरीचिका की तरह समाधान से आगे भागती जा रही है। मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से केवल यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जिस प्रकार रूम चैंकोस्नोवाकिया की समस्या का समाधान कर रहा है या कर चुका है जो उस की घर की समस्या भी नहीं है क्या हमारी सरकार भी कुछ उसी प्रकार के कड़े कदम उठायेगी जिस से इस समस्या का समाधान सदा के लिये हो सके क्योंकि रूम ग्रभी भी हमारी सरकार का पथ-प्रदर्शक बना हुआ है।

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Supakar.

SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR: May I know whether we have any understanding with the Government of Burma that these Naga hostiles are not allowed to filter through Burma to China and come back by that route, and what is the reaction of the Burmese Government to such a proposal if any?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: We do exchange information of mutual interest with the Burmese

authorities, but it would not be desirable to disclose here the nature and details of such talks.

SHRI A SREEDHARAN: In reply to Starred Question No. 1561 on 1-5-1968, the hon. Minister said, "It is very difficult to spell out the exact measures taken by the Government." It is very difficult to say what measures actually have been taken; they have assured the House on a number of occasions that suitable steps have been taken, that the situation is always studied from time to time, and the matter is constantly reviewed and whatever necessary to prevent crossing and infiltration is done. On this question of our borders, always, non-aligned, parrot-like, the same answer is given to the effect that steps are being taken and the situation is under control and so on. After that answer was given to Parliament, it is obvious that the situation has worsened and there is something basically wrong on our north-eastern frontier. I would like to ask the Minister in the light of the new developments that have taken place, whether the Government have review the situation and if they have done it, what are the decisions that they have taken and what additional steps are being taken to ensure the security of our border?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): I am sorry the hon. member is not satisfied with the answer given, but I am sure the entire House will agree that it is not possible to divulge security steps. This has been said here a member of times and I am afraid it may have to be repeated. Last time we had made it clear; in fact, hon. members themselves had referred to the meeting that had been reported in the press that we had considered the matter a new and that we are in constant touch with the security forces, with the Nagaland Government, with the Governor of

Nagaland and with all concerned people with regard to any development which may take place in that area. It was in this connection that the hon. member, Shri Ranga, had reminded me of my having a meeting and only this morning I have reminded my staff to fix up that meeting, with the leaders of the opposition quickly.

SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA: In fact, the underground Nagas need time to build up a stockpile and to acquaint their 10,000 men with the Chinese weapons. They are trying to utilise the cease-fire for that purpose. The suspension of operation agreement so far concerns only us; they are violating the cease-fire. They have extorted taxes which amount now to about Rs. 35 per head of family while the Government tax is only Rs. 2 per head—I mean the house tax. In every way, they have violated the cease-fire agreement by importing Chinese arms, etc. Even when the last operation took place, it is known that the matter leaked out with disastrous consequences upon ourselves, a lot of Chinese arms were removed by them. In view of this, may I know whether the Government is going to have a new look into the administrative arrangement there and see that so far as this side is concerned, it is not according to the underground Naga plan that they would strike before the monsoon next year but things will be done according to our own time?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: I have made it clear that all violation of the agreement should be dealt with very strictly. Our security forces and all concerned have been told this. I do not think it is at all correct to say that the consequences were disastrous in Jotsomo. Our security forces did intervene. Perhaps they could have done better, but I do not think that the words used by the hon. member are entirely correct in describing the situation. As far as taxes are concerned, this situation also is a very old one. It is not something that has happened in the last month or last

year. It is a very unfortunate situation. That is why we have now given more powers to the Nagaland Government to deal with this situation.

SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH: The hon. Deputy Minister spoke something about strengthening the security forces. But the fact remains that at Jatesna in an ambush nearly 45 men of the security force were killed and also a foreign journalist entered and stayed in Nagaland for one month undetected. On the question of security, may I know whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that a new party has been formed in Nagaland consisting mainly of people sympathetic with the rebel Nagas, who have resolved that they will try to come into power after the next general election and they will pass a resolution in the Assembly asking for the dissolution of Nagaland? May I know if this report has come to the notice of Government through some prominent Naga leaders and also through one of the ministers here? If so, what is their reaction and what are they going to do to meet this situation?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: When I said that adequate steps had been taken to strengthen our security forces, I meant security forces along the international border—the Indo-Burmese border. As regards other places there too adequate steps have been taken and as the Prime Minister said a little while ago, we have given extra police force to the Nagaland State. They have augmented their police force and taken suitable steps to see that violations of cease-fire do not take place and also the extortions and kidnapping by the underground are also stopped. As regards the formation of a new political party, it is very difficult to say what shape it will take, in what form it will fight . . .

SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH: Are you aware of it?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: I am not aware of it.

SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH: It might not have come to the knowledge of the Deputy Minister but it might have come to the knowledge of the Prime Minister or the Minister of State. I would like to know whether it has come to the knowledge of the Government or not.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: When we say we are not aware of something we do not take into account what we might have heard. The news has to be authenticated. That is why sometimes we have to say "we are not aware of it". But that does not mean we have not heard of it. What we mean is only that the news is not authoritative (*Interruption*).

SHRI SWELL: Sir, the Deputy Minister in answer to a question stated very clearly that the Nagas who were killed in this particular encounter on the other side of the Burmese border were all from Nagaland. I would like to know whether he has verified these figures and whether the Burmese Government has supplied this Government with the names and identities of these Naga hostiles who were killed so that he can make a categorical statement that they were all from Nagaland?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: It is difficult to give all the details. What I meant was that all those underground Nagas who were trying to cross over to Burma belonged to India. Most of them came from Nagaland, and some from other neighbouring regions but they were all from India.

SHRI SWELL: You have changed your answer.

आकाशवाणी से भारतीय भाषाओं में प्रसारण

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श्री शिवकुमार शास्त्री :

डा० सूर्यप्रकाश पुरी :
श्री प्रकाशबीर शास्त्री :

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

(क) आकाशवाणी के प्रसारणों में सुधार लाने के लिये क्या उपाय करने का विचार किया गया है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने भारतीय भाषाओं में विशेषकर हिन्दी में प्रसारण के बारे में कोई निश्चित नीति तैयार की है; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो उस की मुख्य-मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHI): (a) to (c). Besides improvements in A.I.R. broadcasts being a continuous process, it is proposed to change the composition of the Programme Advisory Committees both at the Centre and at the regional levels by associating State Governments and Opposition at the State level and Opposition representative at the Central level. Arrangements are also contemplated to collect reactions of listeners by putting up Citizens' Forums and Students' Forums all over the country. Clubs of agriculturists in rural areas are also contemplated. Expert panels are proposed to be set up to give the Stations professional advice.

Wherever there are two channels, it is proposed to utilise one channel exclusively for regional programme. So far as Hindi is concerned, it is proposed to revive the programme of Hindi lessons which was suspended in 1965 on account of Pakistani aggression. Disparity between English and Hindi is proposed to be removed in respect of payment of fees and relay on all-India hook-up.

श्री रामाबतार शर्मा : मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहूंगा कि यह आवश्यक क्यों नहीं माना गया है कि हिन्दी का स्वरूप