

किस्म का विचार हमारा बिल्कुल नहीं है जिस किस्म का आपका ईसाइयों के बारे में है। ईसाई मजहब हिन्दुस्तान का एक बहुत प्रसिद्ध मजहब है और बहुत फैला हुआ है...

श्री बिशनचन्द्र सेठ : स्पाइज में ने कहा है।

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : मैं समझा आपने ईसाई कहा है।

जो लोग वहां लिये जायेंगे, जाहिर है कि जहां भी सिपाही सर्व करते हैं वहां भेजे जायेंगे, फिर चाहे वे जिस ढंग से भी लिये जायें। यह थोड़े ही है कि वहां के लिए उनको लिया जाए, सिवाय इसके कि कोई होम गार्डज वगैरह के लिए लिये जायें जो कि वहीं सर्व करेंगे।

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that some 2,000 Goans who were in the Portuguese army have been disbanded and, if so, whether Government have considered the feasibility of absorbing the disbanded Goan soldiers in our defence services?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I believe, they are being taken into the Police Force that is being organised. It may not be quite easy to take them in the Defence Services as such because the qualifications, training etc. are very different.

Minority Communities in India

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*149. { **Shri P. K. Deo:**
Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of speeches of the Pakistani Foreign Minister, Mr. Mohammad Ali, accusing India of ill-treatment to the minority communities;

(b) if so, whether any protest has been lodged with the Pakistan authorities; and

(c) if so, their reaction to such a protest?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Our High Commissioner in Pakistan called on Mr. Mohammad Ali Bogra, and the President of Pakistan on June 29, and July 8 respectively, and firmly controverted the suggestion that the minorities in India were being ill-treated

Shri P. K. Deo: Does the Government think it adequate that simply sending this protest will serve the purpose? They can refute it by a press statement that it is not so.

Mr. Speaker: That will be a matter for opinion.

Shri Narendra Singh Mahida: May I know whether minority communities are invited to clarify their position in India now and then, whenever there are complaints about their ill-treatment? I think the minority communities should be invited to make clarifying statements which would contradict their mal-treatment in India.

Mr. Speaker: That is a suggestion.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: May I know if the Government have taken any steps to counteract the effect of Pakistani propaganda, particularly in the Middle East, regarding the ill-treatment of the minorities in India?

Shri Dinesh Singh: Yes.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: What are those steps?

Mr. Speaker: Shri Jadhav.

श्री तुलसी दास जाधव : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि ऐसा क्रोन सा इन्स्टेंस हुआ है जिस में माइनारिटी कम्युनिटी को तकलीफ हुई है और जिसको ले कर पाकिस्तान के फारेन मिनिस्टर को इस तरह का स्टेटमेंट देना पड़ा है ?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा बंदेशिक कार्य मंत्री तथा प्रणुशक्ति मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू)

ऐसे बाकात हिन्दुस्तान में हुए हैं और उनको छिपाने से कोई फायदा नहीं है। लेकिन उससे यह नतीजा निकालना कि माइनोरिटी कम्युनिटी के साथ ज्यादाती हो रही है हिन्दुस्तान भर में यह बिल्कुल गलत है। छोटी मोटी बातें इधर उधर हुई हैं।

Closure of Powerlooms

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- *150. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Umanath:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of powerlooms have closed down because of increased excise duty burden;

(b) if so, how many units have closed down already; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take so that the small units do not close down?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

At the time of the announcement of the Budget proposals in May last, changing the structure of the Excise Duty on cloth produced on powerlooms, notices of closure were received from a number of units. Government however have no information with regard to the actual number of units which had closed down.

Certain changes in the proposal announced by the Finance Minister before the Budget was passed have afforded some relief. Units having between 50 and 300 looms are now allowed to pay duty at half the

standard rates up to February, 1963 and 3/4th of the standard rates during the year ending February, 1964.

Shri S. C. Samanta: The hon. Minister says that notices of closure were received from a number of units. May I know whether those notices have been withdrawn and whether fresh notices have come?

Shri Manubhai Shah: No, Sir; they were all withdrawn. They were more for demonstrating their opposition to the excise duty which was levied. As soon as the excise duty matter was finalised the notices were withdrawn.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether no powerloom unit was closed?

Shri Manubhai Shah: As far as our information is concerned, that is what precisely I have said in the answer, namely, that none of them was closed. They threatened to close.

Shri Subodh Hansda: From the statement I find that units upto 300 looms have been allowed a rebate of three-fourths of the standard rate till February, 1964. May I know whether this rebate will be allowed to continue?

Shri Manubhai Shah: No. We have given them due notice after proper consideration that the latitude or concession will extend upto December 1964 after which they must be on their own.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know whether after the concession has been announced any of these powerlooms have intimated their difficulties?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Their difficulties do continue, but as far as the excise duty is concerned, from the general trend of opinion and their working they seem to have accommodated themselves.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether it has come to the notice of the Government that some powerloom owners have subdivided their units to have the excise duty?