

up those items where there is a great variation between the international price and the internal price. And I hope the hon. Member will accept that this does not apply so much to jute goods at present.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: My question was this. What has happened to that committee which was set up, namely the Srivastava committee?

Shri Manubhai Shah: That is not a committee on cost reduction programme. The Srivastava committee is for the entire jute industry and jute as an agricultural crop. That committee has practically completed its work, and will be submitting its report within a month or so.

Indian Diplomats in China

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- *155. { **Shri P. K. Deo:**
 { **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:**
 { **Shri Narendra Singh**
 { **Mahida:**
 { **Shrimati Malmoona Sultan:**
 { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**

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

(a) whether the restrictions imposed by the Chinese Government on the movements and other activities of Indian diplomats in Peking as well as in Tibet have been further tightened up; and

(b) if so, the nature of the fresh measures introduced by the Government of China?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Existing restrictions on Indian diplomats in Peking and Tibet continue. They have not been tightened up further.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri P. K. Deo: In reply to a similar question yesterday in the Rajya Sabha....

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member need not refer to that.

Shri P. K. Deo: We came to know that the usual restrictions are placed on the diplomatic activities of the various Embassies in China. May I know whether the usual restrictions are being imposed on the Indian Embassy or something more than that?

Shri Dinesh Singh: Does the hon. Member mean the Chinese Embassy here?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member means the Indian Embassy in Peking.

Shri P. K. Deo: Yes. I mean the Indian Embassy in Peking.

Mr. Speaker: The answer to that question has been given, namely that no further restrictions have been imposed.

Shri P. K. Deo: My question was different. At Peking, some restrictions have been imposed on the activities of the various Embassies. I want to know whether the restrictions imposed on the Indian Embassy at Peking are like the usual restrictions or something more than that.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): They are the same; it may be that occasionally, in practice, the interpretation might be slightly different, but the same restrictions are placed on all the foreign Embassies.

Shri P. K. Deo: In view of the restrictions imposed on the activities of the Indian Embassy in Peking, may I know whether Government are considering the question of having reciprocity in that regard, so far as their activities in India are concerned?

Mr. Speaker: I think that question has been answered already the other day.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have answered it already. The answer is 'No'. In order to have perfect reciprocity, we shall have to introduce all those restrictions on all the other Embassies here too.

Shri Narendra Singh Mahida: Is it a fact that at Lhasa our Indian Agent has been prohibited the use of a wireless transmission set?

Mr. Speaker: That has been answered.

Shri Nath Pal: Is it a fact that apart from the Prime Minister has been pleased to describe as 'usual restrictions', the Indian Ambassador and the staff in general are subjected to all sorts of discourtesies and indignities which are not quite usual in the diplomatic world?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: No, I would not say that. Occasions have happened in the past when some member of the Indian Embassy has been treated rather discourteously but it is not a usual occurrence.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Is it not a fact that the Embassies belonging to the communist countries are given preferential treatment over the Embassies which belong to the democratic countries in China?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not know exactly what preference is shown, except that perhaps in some ways, in the matter of invitations etc. they may be getting more invitations. But the rules are the same for all.

Shri Tyagi: Could the Prime Minister be pleased to take this House into confidence and narrate to us in detail as to what types of restrictions are being applied against our Embassy or diplomats?

Mr. Speaker: Those details might be very long.

Shri Tyagi: The House must know what are the restrictions. It is not a question of the same restrictions being applied to us as to others. We do not know what the restrictions are.

Mr. Speaker: That need not necessarily be answered during Question Hour, if the details are very long.

Shri Tyagi: I want your ruling as to whether it is relevant or not.

Mr. Speaker: I said that if the details are long, they need not be given now.

Shri Tyagi: I submit to your ruling.

Mr. Speaker: It is not a particular thing that is asked.

Shri Tyagi: The restrictions are in question. I wanted to know what types of restrictions are there.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I may just say that the principal restriction is of not being able to go beyond—I forget the exact distance—about 20 kilometres of the place or town without permission. There are some minor restrictions also, but this is the principal thing.

Shri Sonavane: Beyond writing diplomatic notes to the Peking Government, may I know what steps have already been taken and what steps are proposed to be taken to get these restrictions, which are extraordinary restrictions, removed?

Mr. Speaker: They apply not only to Indians but to all. If that is their policy, what particular steps could we take?

Shri Sonavane: What steps are being taken to get these restrictions removed beyond writing notes to Peking?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: No notes are written about it. This is a matter for the whole consular and diplomatic corps in Peking to consider. These apply to all of them, not to any one particular country only.

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