

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Ultimately, it is entirely at the discretion of the United Nations, but obviously, if they agree to our being the host country, they will transfer this control to us subject to whatever directions they may give from time to time.

Shri P. Kunhan: May I know whether the technical committee has suggested the establishment of this station at Trivandrum in Kerala?

Shri Dinesh Singh: It will be established somewhere on the geo-magnetic equator which passes through the Kerala State.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that all the facilities including sounding rockets will be provided through bilateral agreements with countries that are advanced in the field, and if so, may I know the nature of the agreements that are visualised, and the names of the countries with which agreements are proposed to be effected?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: We cannot definitely mention the names of the countries; it would not be right to do so till we get their agreement for it. But, broadly speaking, informally, we have approached some of them, and many countries have generally approved of the idea of our doing it, and are likely to support it.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know in which other countries such stations are going to be set up in Asia?

Mr. Speaker: In this question, we are concerned only with the station to be set up in India, but the hon. Member is talking of other countries.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: May I know whether this project will form part and parcel of the programme of making solar studies in the year 1964, or will it serve some entirely different purpose?

Shri Dinesh Singh: If it is set up, it will help in that project.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: Before this launching station is established in India, may I know whether any arrangements have been made to train our personnel to benefit by this?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Obviously, before it is started our trained personnel will have to take charge of it.

श्री भक्त वर्मान : श्रीमन्, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि राकेट विज्ञान में हमारे देश में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है और भारत में बना सर्वप्रथम राकेट कब आकाश में छोड़ा जायगा?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : यह तो कोई नहीं कह सकता कि कुछ तरक्की नहीं हुई है। राकेट के विज्ञान में कुछ न कुछ हमारी तरक्की हुई है। एटमिक एनर्जी से बड़े बड़े बलूंस दूर दूर तक जाते हैं। यह बलूंस का नहीं है। जाहिर है कि उसके यहां कायम होने से हमें अपने ज्ञान को बढ़ाने का मौका मिलेगा।

Stateless Persons of Indian Origin in Ceylon

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Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Ram Rattan Gupta:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri A. N. Vidyalankar:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Umanath:
Shri Bagri:
Shri Vishwanath Pandey:
Shri Kajrolkar:
Shri Y. D. Singh:

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

(a) whether Government of India has received the details of the proposal from Ceylon Government for offer of incentives for Stateless persons of Indian origin resident in Ceylon to adopt Indian nationality;

(b) if so, the reactions of Government thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that talks between the Ceylon High Commis-

sioner and the officers of the Government of India were held on this subject; and

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Only the broad outline of the proposal was informally communicated by the Ceylon High Commissioner in New Delhi to the Government of India.

(b) The Government of India have regretted their inability to help the Government of Ceylon with a loan as envisaged in the proposal.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The talks are still in the preliminary stages and no decision has been taken so far.

श्री बागड़ी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, इसका हिन्दी में भी तर्जुमा कर दिया जाये।

श्री दिनेश सिंह : (ए) वहां से हमारे सामने यह जो प्रोजेक्ट आया है, इस को सिर्फ बहुत सरसरी तौर पर सीलोन के हाई कमिश्नर ने हम को बताया है।

(बी) भारत सरकार ने सीलोन सरकार के प्रति अपना अफ़ोस जाहिर किया है कि उन्होंने हमसे इस स्कीम के सम्बन्ध में जो कर्ज मांगा था, वह हम नहीं दे सकेंगे।

(सी) जी हां।

(डी) अभी इस बारे में बातचीत चल रही है।

Shri P. C. Borooah: What type of incentives are proposed to be offered to those stateless persons by Ceylon, according to Government's information?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: Monetary incentives.

Shri P. C. Borooah: Have our Government any scheme to rehabilitate these stateless persons?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: It is the concern of the Ceylon Government. I do not know how we come in.

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : श्रीमन्, क्या मैं जान सकता हूं कि इन भारतीयों की ध्वस्त्य करने के लिए लंका की सरकार ने हिन्दुस्तान से जो रुपया मांगा था, वह कितना ? और उस सम्बन्ध में भारत सरकार ने लंका सरकार को क्या उत्तर दिया ?

Mr. Speaker: How much money was asked for

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: It depends upon the number of people who wish to be repatriated.

Mr. Speaker: Has any specific amount been asked for?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: In case the inducement scheme materialises, they would like to have a loan. I think the actual amount was not mentioned, but it depends upon the number of persons involved. It will go to millions of rupees.

Shri Kajrolkar: May we know the nature and form of the incentives proposed to be offered by the Ceylon Government?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इसका जवाब तो दे दिया गया है।

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that the Ceylonese Government have recently passed orders banning stateless persons from seeking work in the urban areas and at the same time propose legislation for the exclusive employment of Sinhalese labour in plantation areas, may I know what useful purpose would be served by these talks since the atmosphere is already vitiated by these measures?

The Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I do not understand it. If the atmosphere is vitiated, it is all the more necessary to have talks.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि लंका में कितने भारतीय ऐसे हैं जिनको बहा की नागरिकता प्राप्त नहीं है और जब वे भारत से निकले हुए हैं, तो वे गृह-विहीन स्थिति में कब तक रहेंगे ?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: Over 7 lakhs.

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Shri Harish Chandra Mathur
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri A. V. Raghavan:
Shri Pottekkatt:
Shri Yallamanda Reddy:

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

(a) whether our Government have moved U.N. for energetic measures to end the secession of Katanga;

(b) whether foreign mercenaries have been cleared out of Katanga; and

(c) how long our forces are likely to stay on in Congo?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Yes, Sir. We have used all our influence to this end; because we believe that the termination of the secession of Katanga is essential, if normally and stability is to be restored in the Congo; as well as to prevent it from becoming a battle field of conflicting foreign interests.

(b) Some foreign mercenaries have been apprehended and expelled; some remain; some are arriving even now.

(c) It is not yet possible to answer this.

We have placed our forces at the disposal of the UN; and we do not think that it would be proper on our part to lay down any rigid time table.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: How far has the recent proposal of the Secretary-General of UN found favour with Katanga as well as the great Powers?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: It has been favourably received. He has made an appeal to all the Powers to follow it up so that peace can be maintained in the Congo.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Have the Governments concerned examined the possibility of imposing some further economic blockade in case Katanga persists in its cession?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: That is what the Secretary-General has mentioned in his proposal.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether there are any reasons which may lead to the reduction of Indian personnel in the Congo? Is there any likelihood of a reduction of Indian troops in Congo?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: That is given in the original answer, that we have placed them at the disposal of the United Nations and we cannot prescribe a time-table, and as soon as the situation changes, they will come.

Shri Narendra Singh Mahida: What is the expenditure incurred on these troops in the Congo?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: I have not got the figures here.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): May I add that the expenditure, the extra expenditure, is met by the United Nations? We only pay the normal expenditure on their salaries etc.; all else is met by the United Nations.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: In the plan of Mr. Thant there is a stage for negotiation, and finally the use of force. May I know the stage at which this particular plan is being implemented now?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: I just mentioned that these proposals have