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[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### Civil Administration in NEFA

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Shri Harish Chandra  
Mathur:

Shri Sivamurthi Swamy:  
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:  
Shri Balmiki:

\*730. { Shri Bishanchander Seth:  
Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:  
Shri Hem Barua:  
Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:  
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:  
Shri Mantri:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) what administrative set up has been established in the NEFA area vacated by the Chinese; and

(b) to what extent evacuees have been re-settled and normal administration restored?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) The administrative set up which existed prior to the Chinese occupation, has been re-established in the NEFA areas vacated by the Chinese.

(b) Evacuees from Subansiri, Siang and Lohit Frontier Divisions have  
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returned to their homes. Evacuees from the Kameng Frontier Division are moving back into areas where civil administration has been restored.

Civil administration has been restored in almost all areas of Subansiri and Siang Frontier Divisions; as far north as Walong in the Lohit Frontier Division and south of Se la in the Kameng Frontier Division.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know from the hon. Prime Minister as to what authenticity there is in the reports that the Chinese have left behind many problems including those of fifth and sixth columnists as also many a youth who had been indoctrinated by the award of scholarships? If that is so, how has the administration been geared up to meet the situation?

Mr. Speaker: It is a very wide question.

The Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I have not quite understood the question.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: That is the main problem today before the NEFA Administration. It was expected when the Chinese had occupied it that when they evacuate it the main problem would be that they would leave behind many problems. I want to know whether that is correct or not.

Mr. Speaker: The original question was as to what administrative set-up has been established and to what extent evacuees have been re-settled. Now, he is going into other problems besides that.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** The administration is set up there for meeting certain situations. I want to know whether this is the situation there or not.

**Mr. Speaker:** He wanted to know whether young men have been indoctrinated.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** They had granted scholarships.

**Mr. Speaker:** That is going, too far.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** If you think like that about the question of youngmen, you may leave that out. Then, may I know whether the Chinese have left many administrative problems behind, including that of fifth columnists, and how our administration has been geared up to meet the situation?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** As you were pleased to indicate, Sir, this is rather a curious question for me to answer. It comes to this, namely, that if there are spies left behind, how are we to deal with them. There is no particular way. They are dealt with as far as possible.....

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Is there any authenticity in this report or not, namely, that they have left behind many a fifth columnists there?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I have not seen any report, but there are certain suspicions that they must have left behind fifth columnists. Where they are discovered, action is taken against them. The very nature of a spy or a fifth columnist is that he works in secret.

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I submit....

**Mr. Speaker:** I will allow him an opportunity. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** May I know whether in the administrative set-up there we now have an adviser and an additional adviser and whether in the very nature of things it is not inherent in the arrangements

that there is a clash of personalities at the top which weakens the administration?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is going into too many details.

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know if it is a fact that the Chinese have in the process of withdrawal not only taken away many young boys and girls from NEFA for indoctrination but have also plundered the area thoroughly inasmuch as they have broken the nose of a bust of our poet, Rabindranath Tagore, located in the Bomdila Club? If so, have Government brought these acts of vandalism to the notice of Peking?

**Mr. Speaker:** I cannot allow that too.

**Some Hon. Members rose—**

**Mr. Speaker:** If I have to argue on every supplementary question then it becomes difficult for me to cover many questions. The hon. Member should also realise that I have to take decisions quickly, and I cannot argue on every supplementary question that is put.

**Shri Hem Barua:** This is a matter which deals with the administration, and the property belonging to the administration has been taken away. How do Government propose to deal with it?

**Mr. Speaker:** Shri Kamath.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** After the recent unfortunate debacle in NEFA, have Government learnt any lesson that the old policy of keeping this region administratively and socially sealed hermetically and isolated as it were from the rest of Assam and the rest of India has been harmful to this region, and if so, has there been any re-thinking in this regard?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is too wide a matter to be dealt with now.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** It deals with the administrative set-up.

**श्री रामसेवक यादव :** चीन से जो खतरा अब भी भारत को बराबर बना हुआ है उस खतरे का मुखाबला करने के लिए सिविल एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन के अतिरिक्त क्या कोई समुचित व्यवस्था कर दी गई है कि हम उस स्थिति का मुकाबला कर सकें ?

**श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू :** चीनियों का मुकाबला सिविल एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन के नीचे कुछ होता है, जैसे होमगार्ड्स और इस किस्म की दूसरी बातें। फौज होती है। इन के अलावा और कई फोरमेशन्स होते हैं।

**श्री रामसेवक यादव :** मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या इस के लिए समुचित व्यवस्था हो गई है कि अब उस इलाके में इस तरह का कोई खतरा नहीं होगा और अगर होगा भी तो हम उस का मुकाबला कर सकेंगे ?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** उन्होंने बतलाया तो है कि सिविल एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन के अलावा उन का मुकाबला हमें दूसरी तरह से भी करना होगा।

**Shri Hem Barua:** All these questions are very important, if you do not want the debacle to be repeated there again.

**Mr. Speaker:** I agree that they are very important, but they are not to be asked as supplementary questions. Discussion can be had on them. We are coming up with the discussion also, and there would be many opportunities. That was what I said.

**Shri Ranga:** May I suggest that you may be pleased to direct Government to place a paper on the Table of the House, as soon as they possibly can, in regard to the administrative set-up, which will answer all these questions?

**Mr. Speaker:** If it is possible to place it, I would advise Government to do so.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I do not know what the hon. Member desires

me to do when he says that I should place a paper on the Table of the House in regard to civil administration. The civil administration there is the existing civil administration. It is well known. If the hon. Member likes, I can place a paper on the Table about the existing civil administration.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** There should be a new reorientation and also re-thinking on it.

**Shri Ranga:** In the light of the experience that has been gained, we would like to know whether any change has been made.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I may say that it is always open to Government or to this House to consider the question of administration of NEFA, but the experience that we have gained has been very much in favour of the present administration. It has functioned well . . .

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Question.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** . . . in spite of great difficulties. There may be difference of opinion on that.

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I draw the Prime Minister's attention to the statement made by him that the philosophy about NEFA should undergo some change?

**Mr. Speaker:** I am very sorry that hon. Members should get up in this manner without getting my permission and without my identifying them, and should put supplementaries first. That sequence must be settled first, namely whether they have to get the permission of the Chair or not.

**Shri Hem Barua:** The Prime Minister himself made a statement like that, namely that the philosophy about NEFA should undergo some change.

**Mr. Speaker:** Simply because the Prime Minister has made a statement, does it mean that every hon. Member

has got the right not to care for the Speaker but go on speaking?

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Government have learnt nothing.

**Shri Hem Barua:** If it is the same state of affairs, again the same trouble will occur.

**Mr. Speaker:** Could not the hon. Member just observe the rules and try to keep the decorum of the House?

**Shri Hem Barua:** I am sorry.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** May I know how our administrative set-up at present is different from what it was earlier, and in what respect it has been strengthened and made different to meet the important problems which must have arisen because the conditions cannot be normal there?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** The administrative pattern basically at the present moment is the same as it was before. It may be strengthened here and there, if we want some particular work to be done more, apart from the various things that we are doing, that is, in regard to home guards and other things; that is, a different matter. But the administrative pattern is at the present moment the same. People are going back to their old positions with, sometimes, additions.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members are very anxious and they feel concerned to know whether some change has been made or any improvement has been effected in view of the experience that we have gained during the last debate?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** That is what I am venturing to say. The experience has been that so far as the administration is concerned, it has been rather satisfactory.

**Shri Hem Barua:** What about the policy of segregation?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I think that the hon. Member is raising a

question which has nothing to do with this,—the basic question of the whole administration of NEFA and the policy, as he says of segregation.

**Shri Hem Barua:** Also segregation, I said.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** That is an entirely different thing. One has to consider many points of view, the point of view of the effect on the tribal areas, the question of defence of the area and all that. It cannot be dealt with in answer to a question.

#### **Reaction of the Afro-Asian Countries on Sino-Indian Border Dispute**

\*371. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether reaction of all Afro-Asian countries with regard to Sino-Indian border dispute has been known;

(b) whether most of the countries have termed the Chinese as aggressors; and

(c) what further steps have been taken to explain our viewpoint to these countries?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):** (a) Yes, Sir. A majority of Afro-Asian countries have communicated their reaction.

(b) Some countries have categorically termed the Chinese as aggressor and others have expressed their sympathy, concern and support.

(c) The Minister of Law and the Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs have recently visited a number of Afro-Asian countries. The Government of India have also published a number of pamphlets and maps in the principal languages of the region explaining our case on the border question and emphasizing the fact of Chinese aggression.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** I want to know what positive steps have been taken, because before the hon. Minister visited those places our propa-