

If so, have Government given it those powers?

Shri Nanda: All that they asked for was to be in a position to go into the question of concentration of economic power also. That was permitted.

Research in NEFA Operations

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- *23L { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 107 on the 21st January, 1963 and state the progress made so far in research studies of the war operations in NEFA area during October-November, 1962?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Shri D. E. Chavan): The team of officers deputed to carry out research studies has since completed the field work. The report is now under compilation.

Shri D. C. Sharma: By what time will the report of the team be out, and will it be placed on the Table of the House?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): I do not think the report can be placed on the Table of the House.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if the Historical Division of the Ministry of Defence is also collaborating with these officers in the preparation of this report, or only these officers are engaged in its preparation?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: This is done by the officers who, really speaking, are technically qualified to study this question, who are from the Research and Development Organisation, whose special job is to do the evaluation of this weapons work. They are doing this work.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : श्रीमन्, इस प्रश्न में पूछा गया था कि बार प्रीपैरेडेशन इन नेफा के बारे में क्या जांच की गई, तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह जांच केवल शस्त्रों के सम्बन्ध में थी या जिन अधिकारियों ने गलतियाँ कीं, उन के बारे में भी जांच की गई है ।

Shri Y. B. Chavan: That is a different matter about which the Prime Minister spoke once. That military appraisal is a different subject.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Is this inquiry the same as the inquiry which the Prime Minister promised to both Houses of Parliament in November last,—an inquiry into the state of military unpreparedness in the face of the Chinese invasion, or is it a separate matter? If that inquiry is not being conducted along with this when will that come?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: So far as I know, it is the same thing.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Is it the same or different?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: I referred to two inquiries, of which one was the military appraisal done by the military officers. This was done by the weapons evaluation group who belong to the Research and Development Organisation. It is a rather technical type of inquiry.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: My question related to the inquiry into the military unpreparedness in NEFA which the Prime Minister promised to have undertaken. You, Sir, were here at that time. You will remember it. Is this inquiry the same as that or is it different from that?

Mr. Speaker: He has said it is the same.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: How can it be the same?

Shri Ranga: The other inquiry is into the failure to resist the aggression.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Let us have the terms of reference of this inquiry.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members should realise that if a definite answer comes, then I am not concerned with whether it is a wrong answer or not. For the time being, the answer has to be accepted, and if a Member thinks that it is not the correct answer, he can write to me. I will make enquiries.

Shri Ranga: We can ask for elucidation then and there.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Let us know the terms of this Inquiry Committee. From that we can find out whether it is the same or different.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether this Committee, apart from going into the question of the suitability of the weapons for the area, was also charged with the responsibility of looking into the difficulty of the terrain and allied matters in those areas?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: I referred to two sorts of inquiries going on. One was about the technical part and the other, the operational part. The operational part done by military officers is what I would like to describe, in a phrase used by the Prime Minister, as a military appraisal, which, I think, is the same as what the Prime Minister promised Parliament last time. This is a different kind of enquiry which is being done by technical people who do the evaluation of the weapons.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि नेफा में हमारे जवानों को जी गंज दी गई थीं वे क्या रस्टिड थीं ? बी० बी० सी० ने जो ब्राडकास्ट २२ फ़रवरी को किया और उस में कहा

"The guns used by Indian troops in NEFA are guns left during the Second World War",

क्या यह रिपोर्ट सही थी या गलत थी ?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: I cannot answer the question, because this question is about the enquiry. The enquiry report is yet to be compiled. I cannot give any answer now.

Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh: May I know whether the Ministry of Defence has placed at the disposal of this committee the reports appearing in the *Dawn* entitled "Indian Debacle in NEFA" regarding tactical blunders committed by our brass-hats?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: I do not think it is necessary to do that.

Fall in Export of Ilmenite

*232. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mineral sands industry at Chavara in Kerala is in a crisis due to fall in the export of ilmenite; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to relieve the situation?

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

(b) The steps that have been taken to recapture the export market for ilmenite include:

(i) a reduction, in the selling price,

(ii) an aggressive sales promotion campaign in foreign countries, and

(iii) the harnessing of the resources of the State Trading Corporation.

Shri A. K. Gopalan: May I know whether there was any negotiation with a Japanese firm recently, and if so, what is the result?

Shri Dinesh Singh: We have been negotiating with Japan to sell Ilmenite. A team had gone there and they are discussing this matter.

Shri A. K. Gopalan: May I know whether any research is conducted to