

Shri Warrior: May I know whether the Government is taking any steps to get complete data about our workers employed there, whether they are offering any terms to the Ceylon Government to be within the law of Ceylon?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: This is for the purpose of Ceylonisation of the services in which non-Ceylonese are employed.

Mr. Speaker: Probably he means to ask whether our people living there have offered any conditions or terms on which they may be permitted by the Ceylonese Government to continue there.

Shri Warrior: They have been there for a very long time.

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: That is the whole question. Many of them have remained in Ceylon for long years without Ceylon citizenship and are therefore stateless. That is the crux of the problem. We have been dealing with it all these years.

Purchase of Mules from Cyprus

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*766. { **Shri Maheswar Naik:**
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shri Onkarlal Berwa:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether India proposes to purchase mules from Cyprus to serve the army in the Himalayan regions; and

(b) if so, the number of mules to be purchased and the cost thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) and (b). Yes Sir; Government propose to purchase mules from Cyprus. Negotiations for their procurement are in progress.

Shri Maheswar Naik: May I know whether Government have assured themselves as to the capabilities and qualities of these mules and whether these qualities will enable them

to sustain themselves to the rigorous and other conditions of our Himalayan regions?

Shri D. R. Chavan: We have got the specifications and if they are according to our specifications they will be imported.

An Hon. Member: We do not hear or know what he says.

Mr. Speaker: He says: we have given the specifications of the classes that we require and if they are according to them we will purchase them.

Shri Hem Barua: Mules have classifications?

Mr. Speaker: Yes, of course; even men have.

Shri Maheswar Naik: May I know whether Government have taken any steps so far for breeding mules in our country suiting to the conditions in the mountainous regions?

Shri D. R. Chavan: We have breeding studs, one at Babugarh and another at Saharanpur. There is also an 'unbound' system of breeding animals at 4 centres in Rajasthan, U.P. and Punjab.

Shri D. C. Sharma: We are trying to import mules from Cyprus. From what other countries have we been importing mules so far and why have we not gone to these countries this time?

Shri D. R. Chavan: I will not be able to give the names of the countries from which we have imported them so far. But we have imported so far certain number of mules.

श्री तुलशी दास जाधव : क्या अपने देश में गधे नहीं हैं ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मेरा खयाल है कि अब आप बैठ जाइये ।

प्रधान मंत्री तथा वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री तथा अणु शक्ति मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : इस का अन्दाजा माननीय सदस्य खुद कर सकते

है। लेकिन सवाल गधों का नहीं खच्चरों का है।

Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh: The Hingoli stud farm used to meet all our army and police requirements of the Hyderabad State. What steps have been taken in order to have local hybridisation of mules?

Shri D. R. Chavan: I have stated that we have got stud farms at Babugarh and Saharanpur.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Onkarlal Berwa: I find he has changed his place.

श्री ओंकार लाल बेरवा : पहाड़ों में सेना के लिये जो खच्चरों का दिक्कत दिखलाई देता है उसको देखो हुए क्या सरकार खच्चरों को पैदाइश देश में बढ़ाने के लिये कोई प्रबन्ध कर रही है।

Mr. Speaker: Shri Pratap Singh.

Shri D. R. Chavan: I may say....

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. He ought to see to me to find out if I do not allow a question.

Shri Pratap Singh: Do the Government propose to raise a special mule corps for the Himalayan region?.... (Interruptions.)

(No answer was given.)

श्री ओंकार लाल बेरवा : पैदाइश के लिये क्या कोशिश की जा रही है?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इस सवाल का जवाब जब दिया जा चुका है तो मैं क्या करूँ?

Shri Basappa: Besides importing mules from Cyprus, may I know what steps have been taken to establish more breeding farms to increase the number of mules for the army?

Mr. Speaker: It is very unfortunate that Members do not listen to the answers. They repeat the same questions again and again. Shri Tyagi.

Shri Tyagi: As these mules are expected to operate upon the hills, is

there any plan to acclimatize them before they are sent to the front line?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): A certain number has arrived already, and it is being acclimatized.

श्री बलजीत सिंह : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि पहाड़ों में माल लाने और ले जाने के लिये चूकि खच्चरों का इस्तेमाल किया जाता है, जैसे कि लाहोल और स्पीती में, इस लिये क्या सरकार ने वहाँ से कुछ खच्चर खरीदे हैं या खरीदने का विचार है?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: The hon. Member has misunderstood the whole problem.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : शायद माननीय सदस्य का यह कहना है कि खच्चर लाहोल और स्पीती से भी मिल सकते हैं।

श्री बलजीत सिंह : जो वहाँ पर आलरेडी हैं उन में से।

श्री यशवन्त राव चव्हाण : जिस तरह के हमें चाहिये वैसे वहाँ नहीं मिलते हैं।

Raid by Hostile Nagas

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*768. { Shri Hem Barua:
Shri N. R. Laskar:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a party of Naga hostiles raided the Teachers' Colony at Kohima Headquarters station of Nagaland on the 20th March, 1963; and

(b) if so, the extent of damage caused to life and property as also the nature of the attack?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri S. C. Jamir): (a) Yes. The actual time of the raid was 10.00 p.m. on 19th March.