

China will have diplomatic relations with India; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Kuomintang China has been invited to send a delegation to the forthcoming International Cotton Advisory Commission to be held in Delhi in April, 1963?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh):** (a) Yes, Sir. There is no basis for these reports.

(b) Yes, Sir. Invitations have been issued on behalf of the International Cotton Advisory Committee.

**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** May I know the attitude of the KMT Government in the face of universal condemnation of unprovoked aggression on the part of China on the Indian sub-continent?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** That, I submit, does not arise out of this question.

**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** May we know on how many occasions India participated in any conference where the KMT representative was there?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** United Nations Organisation is one.

**Shri Tyagi:** Are we having trade relations with KMT China?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** No, Sir, not that I am aware of.

**Shri Hem Barua:** Is it not a fact that our flirtations with Kuomintang China, which has also supported Communist China in her territorial claims against us, are also likely to our present diplomatic relations with Communist China, however tenuous the relations might be? May I know whether Government have taken this aspect of the problem into consideration or not, because the Deputy Minister has said that we have relations with them?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** While sending the invitation to KMT China (Formosa), we have made it clear that this could not in any way imply

that we are giving them any recognition.

**Mr. Speaker:** Dr. Singhvi.

**Shri Tyagi:** I could not get a clarification. I had asked a question . . .

**Mr. Speaker:** It is long part since he asked his question. After that another question has been answered. Dr. Singhvi.

**Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** If the basis of recognition of any government is *de facto* existence of it, on what criteria do the Government justify the non-recognition of the KMT Government in Nationalist China?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** That would not come within the scope of this question, I would submit.

**Shri Tyagi:** The hon. Minister said in reply that there were no trade relations with the KMT Government. What I really meant to know was: Are we having any trade with them actually and, if not, are there any possibilities of our exporting to and importing from there?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** I said, I could not say that off-hand. This was a question about the Conference as such.

**Shri K. C. Pant:** Has the invitation been issued by the International Commission or by the host country, India?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** By the host country, India, on behalf of the Commission.

#### Situation in Laos

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 Shri D. C. Sharma:  
 Shri Hem Barua:  
 Shri P. C. Borooah:  
 Shri Yashpal Singh:  
 Shri Bishanchander Seth:  
 Shri Kapur Singh:  
 Shri Kesar Lal:  
 Shri D. D. Mantri:  
 Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:  
 Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath.

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the unsettled conditions in Laos; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government of India to restore peace there?

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

(b) India as a member and Chairman of the Commission is in constant touch with various groups in Laos and with the representatives of the Co-Chairmen, with a view to bringing about a cessation of armed conflict, and a resumption of co-operative contacts between the parties concerned in Laos.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know if the International Control Commission of which India is the Chairman has been allowed to visit the Plain of Jars which is the scene of fighting and, if so, how many times and whether it has been able to put any permanent representative here to see that the fighting does not take place?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** Yes, Sir; the Commission has visited the Plain of Jars several times. They have been stationing teams there for various durations during the day. They are hoping to establish their presence for as long as is necessary.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** Lord Home, the Foreign Minister of the U.K., met Comrade Gromyko, the Foreign Minister of the USSR, and they had discussions about the situation in Laos. Then a joint communique had to be issued, but there were some differences between Lord Home and Mr. Gromyko. May I know what result those differences between the British Foreign Minister and the Soviet Foreign Minister has produced on the situation in Laos and what further steps are necessary to restore peace in that troubled neutral country?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** I could not say what it has produced but what it has not produced is the joint communique.

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know whether the attention of Government is drawn to a recent statement made by the Laotian Ambassador at Bangkok to the effect that two battalions of Chinese troops are operating in Laos; if so, may I know whether our Government has approached Soviet Russia to restrain the Chinese from operating in Laos because there is a threat to peace in the whole of South-East Asia?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** It is not something for our Government to take up but for the International Commission in Laos and, I am sure, they are looking into all these matters.

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** May I know whether it is a fact that the talks between the neutralist Premier Souvanna Phouma and the Pathet Lao representative have failed in arriving at an agreement on the ways to and the Plain of Jars trouble; if so, what further steps Government propose to take into the matter?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** These negotiations are going on. They had reached one settlement some time back. Then that could not be kept and they are negotiating again.

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** क्या सरकार इस मामले को डिफेंस मिनिस्ट्री के मातहत सीने को हैरार है जिसे कि देश निश्चित हो सके ?

**प्रध्यक्ष महोदय :** यह कैसे हो सकता है ?

**Shri Kapur Singh:** Shri Hem Barua just now asked a question which, I think, has not been directly answered. So, I will put it differently. May I know whether there is any truth in the widespread report that the present situation in Laos has been directly instigated and worsened by the participation of a certain Communist Power?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** I am afraid we cannot make any statements in the matter as yet because India is a Chairman of this Commission and before

any report is submitted to the co-Chairman it would not be desirable for us to say anything.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** May I know if the International Control Commission under the Chairmanship of India is really in a position to control the situation in any report of Laos, or has it become a helpless spectator of events and, if so, what steps are being taken to strengthen its position with regard to controlling the situation?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** I do not know what the hon. Member means by Control Commission—it has had never any troops or any executive authority, but the . . .

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Not militarily.

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** . . . whole idea of the presence of the Commission was that it would be able to give a factual report which will bring the public opinion to bear on the subject.

**Shri Joachim Alva:** Recently, the King of Laos, the assassinated Minister and other high dignitaries of Laos visited India. Did they draw the attention of the Government of India to the gravity of the situation and did they suggest any measures which may have perhaps averted this climax?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** We discussed the Laos situation. But, if I may remind the House, the fighting has broken out after they had gone back.

**Dr. Ranen Sen:** Has the Government of India's attention been drawn to a report given by the Polish Member of the Commission to the effect that the American troops are being transported by helicopters to the Plain of Jars and as a result of that this conflict is going on inside Laos.

**Mr. Speaker:** Some conflict is detected here also.

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** I am not aware of the report given by the Polish Member. He might have made some complaints on private remarks.

## योजना आयोग का पुनर्गठन

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\*१०७६. श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद :  
श्री हरिविष्णु माथुर :

क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि योजना आयोग को अधिक कार्यसाधक बनाने के लिये पुनर्गठित किया जा रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो प्रस्तावित पुनर्गठन की मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour & Employment and for Planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman):** (a) and (b). The staff position and arrangements in relation to work in the Planning Commission are reviewed from time to time. Such a review was undertaken in the current month and is still in progress.

[(क) और (ख). योजना आयोग में काम के अनुसार, स्टाफ की स्थिति और प्रबन्ध के सम्बन्ध में समय समय पर पुनर्विचार किया जाता है। चालू महीने में ऐसा एक पुनर्विचार हाथ में लिया गया है और यह काम अभी चल रहा है।]

**श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद :** क्या माननीय मंत्री जी बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि प्लानिंग कमीशन को मोर इफीशेंट बनाने की दृष्टि से अभी उसमें जो क्लास १, क्लास २, क्लास ३ और क्लास ४ आफिसर्स हैं, उनमें रिआरगेनाइजेशन के फलस्वरूप कितने आफिसर्स को कम करने के लिए कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं, और परिवर्तन के बाद उनकी संख्या क्या होगी ?

**योजना तथा श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री (श्री नन्दा):** इसमें क्लास १, आंग क्लास २ आदि का सवाल नहीं है। प्लानिंग कमिशन किस प्रकार ज्यादा अच्छी तरह काम कर सके इस पर बतन फवक्तन विचार होता है,