

of all the Arab nations in Cairo? What further developments have taken place as a result of it?

Shri Dinesh Singh: A communique was issued at the end of the conference which said that, first of all, they must explore every possible avenue of a peaceful settlement of this problem.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Besides the Arab States, has any approach been made to Government by the Israeli Government or the Israeli representative in India in connection with this matter? If so, has Government, in the interest of maintaining peace in West Asia advised the Arab States' representatives as well as the Israeli representative here to strive for a rapprochement or *modus vivendi* either directly by talks between themselves or through the agency or machinery of the U.N.?

Shri Dinesh Singh: The Israeli Government also conveyed their point of view. As I mentioned, we all hope that there will be a peaceful settlement of this problem.

Shri Daji: I am sure Government is aware that this dispute is becoming a hotbed of a possible hot war in that area. In view of that, what is the Government's own opinion about this dispute, and has Government communicated it to other important Governments of the world so that the dispute might be settled peacefully?

Mr. Speaker: Opinions cannot be asked during Question Hour.

Shri Daji: Has Government conveyed its opinion to other Governments in the world so that a conflict might be avoided?

Shri Dinesh Singh: It has not become necessary to convey our views.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that the Arab summit conference convened by President Nasser to discuss the problem of Jordan waters has taken a militant anti-Israeli stand which might lead to a conflagration in

that area, has Government, in the interest of world peace, examined this particular problem and does it propose to play a distinctive role in the matter?

Shri Dinesh Singh: I do not know what role he envisages . . .

Shri Hem Barua: Peace role.

Shri Dinesh Singh: . . . but this is a matter to be settled between the Arab countries and Israel, and it will not be desirable for us to enter into it at this stage.

Shri Hem Barua: Both groups have requested our Government . . .

Mr. Speaker: We cannot do anything further. Next question.

Andamans Naval Base

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Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Naval facilities have been developed at Port Blair at Andamans;

(b) whether this will be a training base or full-fledged naval base; and

(c) whether such a base is also essential in the east coast particularly in the coast of West Bengal and Orissa?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Shri D. R. Chavan):

(a) Yes, Sir; these facilities are being developed according to a phased programme.

(b) It will function as an operational base.

(c) The project for the establishment of a base and dockyard at Vishakhapatnam has been accepted in principle by the Government for implementation in a suitably phased programme. Another base on the east coast is not considered necessary at this stage.

Shri Subodh Hansda: What are the advantages for which the Andamans has been selected for this naval base, though it is far off the mainland?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): Certainly for purposes of training and for protection of the eastern coast, it was considered necessary.

Shri Subodh Hansda: How long will it take to develop it as a major base?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: It is a gradual process. I cannot anticipate the exact period that will be necessary.

Shri S. C. Samanta: Will this establishment at Port Blair have any hydrographic survey around the Andaman and Nicobar islands, and if so, will a naval garrison be necessary?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: Not at the present moment.

श्री विश्राम प्रसाद : जैसा कि मैं जानता हूँ, जिनने लड़ाई के जहाज हैं, वे सब पुराने हो चुके हैं। तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि पाकिस्तान और चीन के खतरे को देखते हुए सरकार उनकी ओर ध्यान क्यों नहीं दे रही है।

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Shri Sham Lal Saraf: Are attempts afoot to turn this base into a bulwark of defence of the Indian ocean area?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: We have made a beginning. Whether it will become a bulwark for the entire Indian Ocean; it is rather difficult to say.

Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri: May I know if the attention of Government has been drawn to a statement of one of the Pakistan Ministers in their National Assembly at Rawalpindi that they have lodged a protest against the building of a naval base at Port Blair

and has Government any intimation of that?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: No, Sir.

Shri Himmatsinhji: Are we going to build this base on our own; or do we also propose to take help from other countries?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: On our own. It is our own base, and we shall do it on our own.

अख्तवारी कागज में चोरबाजारी

*६९८. श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अख्तवारी कागज में चोरबाजारी बड़े पैमाने पर हो रही है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसे के क्या कारण हैं और इसकी रोक-थाम के लिये क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री शमनाथ) : (क) जी, नहीं। तथापि कुछ समाचार-पत्रों और पत्रिकाओं के विरुद्ध अख्तवारी कागज की चोरबाजारी की शिकायतें आई हैं।

(ख) इसका मूल कारण माँग के मुकाबिले अख्तवारी कागज की कमी है, और इससे लाभ उठाने के लिए कुछ समाचार-पत्र अपने सकुलेशन के आकड़ों को बढ़ा-चढ़ा कर अधिक अख्तवारी कागज ले लेते हैं।

जिन अख्तवारों की प्रचार संख्या के बारे में सन्देह होता है या जिन के विरुद्ध शिकायतें आई हों, उनकी पूरी जांच-पड़ताल के बाद वास्तविक आवश्यकता का निर्धारण करके इसी हिसाब से उनके अख्तवारी कागज के कोटे में काट-छांट कर दी जाती है। अख्तवारों की प्रचार संख्या की जांच में अधिक कड़ाई की गई है। अख्तवारी कागज की चोरबाजारी