

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Next question:

श्री यशपाल सिंह : जो लोग कि इस क्वेश्चन के सिग्नेट्रीज हैं और जिन्होंने अपना नाम दिया है, उनको तो सवाल पूछने का मौका देना ही चाहिए ।

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Sorry, I have called the next question.

Indian Delegation to African Countries

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 *258. { Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
 Shri D. D. Puri:
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 Shri G. Mohanty:
 Shri Kolla Venkaiah:
 Shri P. C. Borooh:
 Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
 Shri Bagri:
 Shri Krishna Pal Singh:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) the personnel of the delegation that officially represented India at the Kenya Independence Celebration;

(b) the names of other African countries which were visited by the delegation; and

(c) brief resume of the delegation's activities and achievements?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Shrimati Indira Gandhi and Shri Dinesh Singh, Deputy Minister for External Affairs, accompanied by Shri K. R. P. Singh, Director.

(b) Zanzibar, Nayasaland, Northern Rhodesia and Ethiopia.

(c) The main purpose of the delegation was to represent India at the independence celebrations of Zanzibar and Kenya. They visited other three countries in response to invitations. The delegation renewed and strengthened contacts with the leaders of those countries and put forward

India's views on matters of mutual interest. They were also able to explain fully, matters of special interest to India. The delegation were satisfied with the talks they had and found a fund of goodwill existing for India in all the countries they visited.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Considering that for the Kenya independence celebrations, China as well as several other important Asian and European countries sent delegations led by persons holding very high official positions in their respective countries, what were the reasons for appointing—if press reports be true—as leader of our delegation, a person whose official standing, I am sorry to say, is next to nil in this country? What were the considerations and qualifications that prompted the decision in her favour, apart, of course, from the natal accident or great good fortune of having the Prime Minister as her father? (*Interruptions*).

Shri Dinesh Singh: It is not the question of the official standing of the person. Shrimati Indira Gandhi is a very highly respected leader in this country, and she went there at the special invitation of the leaders in those countries, including the Prime Minister of Kenya.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Is there any truth in certain press reports to the effect that the leader of the delegation, instead of expressing sympathy and tactfully advising the Indian communities in some African countries in their present sorry plight, lectured to them in an almost hectoring tone and manner? If so, have those Indian communities conveyed to the Government their unhappy reaction to such lecturing by the leader of the delegation?

Shri Dinesh Singh: There was no effort to lecturing, as the hon. Member says. The Indian communities in those countries sought her advice on various matters which she gave them publicly, and also privately when they contacted her. Her visit, we feel, has

had a very good impact on the people of Indian origin in those countries.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Let us hope so.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Are Government aware that this visit, especially the selection of the leader of the delegation, has made a great impact on all those African countries, specially the Indian population over there had expressed its gratitude for this selection?

Shri Dinesh Singh: Yes, Sir.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: That is the proper answer !

Shri Hem Barua: It was to counteract the other question.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : वहाँ पर जो एक्टिवटीज़ और सम्मेलन हुई है उनका व्योरा क्या सरकार सभा पटल पर रखने की कृपा करेगी ?

श्री दिनेश सिंह : इस तरीके से इन व्योरों के बारे में यहाँ पर रखना ज़रूरी कठिन है क्योंकि इसका एक लौग टर्म एफ़ैक्ट ऐसा होता है अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय मामलों में कि आज जो हम कर रहे हैं, फ़ौरन आज से ही उसका फ़ायदा मिलने लग ऐसा नहीं होता है । मैं समझता हूँ कि माननीय सदस्य खुद इन बातों को समझते होंगे और उनको कोई यहाँ फिर से दुहराने की ज़रूरत नहीं है ।

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Next question.

Shri Nath Pai: Are no supplementaries to be allowed? This is a question concerning the Indian image in Africa. We were rising in our places.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: When I called Shri Yashpal Singh, no one else got up.

Shri Nath Pai: That is under your own ruling. We naturally abide by it.

Can the Minister or the Prime Minister state whether as a result of the concerted campaign of misrepresentation and vilification against this country by China and her new ally, Pakistan, in these African countries, the image of India as a friend of the colonial peoples has slightly been blurred? If so, what steps have Government taken to counteract this, particularly because of the present very-well organised—and I think they have succeeded in this—campaign against us....

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It does not arise out of the question.

Shri Nath Pai: How? What for had the delegation gone there? It had gone there to present India's case. Had they gone for fun?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Shri H. N. Mukerjee, I have called the next supplementary.

Shri Nath Pai: Very wrongly, I think.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Could I know if the delegation has come back with the impression that persons of Indian origin in Kenya and East Africa, who seem to have had difficulties in their relations with the people of those countries, are now more or less without any misgivings on the score of their being Indians, that is to say, are their citizenship rights going to be more or less on par with those of the people of those countries?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: This is about the Indian delegation which went to Kenya.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: I know. Has the delegation brought back this impression that the Indians there are no longer living in a shadow, so to speak? I have a report from the Kenya India National Congress to the effect that they were trying to make up certain difficulties which had arisen in their relations with the people there.

Shri Dinesh Singh: There may be some difficulties in a country when it is in the process of transformation from one stage to another. But I do not think there are any mis-givings as such. Citizenship has been offered under the laws to people of Indian origin in the East African countries, and those of them who take out the citizenship, we feel, would be given equality with other citizens. In fact, such statements have been made by the leaders in those countries that all citizens would be given equality in treatment.

Chinese Troops Along Indian Borders

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Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Dhaon:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri B. P. Yadava:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that concentration of Chinese military troops continues along Sino-Indian Borders; and

(b) if so, to what extent in each sector?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It will not be in the public interest to disclose the sector-wise position.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या भारत सरकार ने मेकमेहन रेखा तक अपनी फौजें भेज दी हैं, अगर नहीं, तो कब तक भेज रही है ?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): We just cannot advertise what we are going to do about it. Certainly we are taking steps, whatever we think feasible and necessary.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या सरकार ने इस चीज को कोलम्बो पावरज के सामने रखा है और जो कुछ हो रहा है, इसके बारे में वर्ल्ड ओपीनियन को अपने हक में करने की कोशिश की है ?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: We have not brought this thing to the notice of the Colombo Powers.

Shri Hem Barua: It may not be in the public interest for the Government to disclose these things, but may I know whether Government have any clear picture of the Chinese military build up including air fields in the Chinese occupied Ladakh area as also in the other areas of Kashmir handed over to China by Pakistan?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: I think our Government has certainly a very accurate assessment of the threat that they pose. We think we have got an accurate assessment.

Shri Hem Barua: About these areas?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: Yes, about these areas.

Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri: Apart from the troop concentration along the northern borders, has there been any instance of Chinese troops sallying forth from the so-called cease-fire lines which were established after the cease-fire was declared by them unilaterally?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: They have established some posts in the so-called demilitarised zone. Besides that, there are no other instances.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know if the Chinese activities in respect of the concentration of troops and otherwise are not in clear violation of the spirit of the Colombo Plans, and whether they have not killed the Colombo Plan from their side?