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[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Indo-Pak Home Ministers' Meeting

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- *347. { Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavaia:
Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:
Shri Swell:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final decision has been taken both by India and Pakistan to hold the second meeting of the Home Ministers of the two countries; and

(b) if so, the venue and the date of the meeting and the brief outlines of the agenda?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). The question of holding the second meeting of the Home Ministers of India and Pakistan is currently the subject of discussion through diplomatic channels. The date and venue have not yet been settled. The talks are a resumption of the discussion which took place previously.

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Shri Surendra Pal Singh: In view of the fact that the first meeting of the Home Ministers did not achieve any fruitful results and a number of subjects cropped up in the meeting over which no decision could be reached, may I know if the interim period of the last few months has been utilised by both the Governments to thrash out those matters and do some spade work in order to make the second meeting a success?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Nanda): The decision to have another meeting was taken at the same time, that is, at the time of the earlier meeting of the Home Ministers. It is not correct to say that we did not advance the area of agreement regarding several matters. It was a fruitful discussion. There were some differences and regarding them I cannot say what the position will be.

श्री बागड़ी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह हिन्दी का यन्त्र तो बोलता नहीं ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अच्छा, मैं देखे लेता हूँ ।

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: An impression has been gaining ground in the mind of the public that the delay in holding the second meeting is not due so much to the physical unfitness of the Pakistan Home Minister as to there being some rethinking in the mind of the Pakistan Government regarding the usefulness of this meeting. May I know if there is any basis for these apprehensions?

Shri Nanda: No, Sir.

Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: When the first Home Ministers' Conference was held we had given an assurance that cordial relations will prevail between

these two countries. In spite of that the Pakistan press and the Foreign Minister are often indulging in outbursts of vituperation and hatred campaign against India. If that is so, may I know whether this Home Minister has written to that Government to adhere to the conciliatory and cordial relations which had to be maintained if the second Home Ministers' Conference was to take place?

Shri Nanda: This question goes beyond the ground of the question. I can assure the hon. Member....

Mr. Speaker: Probably, only the latter portion might be relevant, namely, whether any communication has been addressed to Pakistan that in order to achieve something at that conference these things should not be resorted to.

Shri Nanda: So far as the Home Ministry is concerned, the correspondence between the Ministers has been cordial.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या सरकार के ध्यान में यह बात है कि सरदार स्वर्णसिंह की पांच दफा की बार्ता असफल हो चुकी है, और पाकिस्तान के राष्ट्रपति अयूब खान तथा पाकिस्तान के विदेश मन्त्री इस बात को कह चुके हैं कि जब तक काश्मीर मारे हाथ में नहीं आता, समझौता नहीं होगा ? इस हालत में गृह मन्त्रियों की बैठक का क्या अर्थ है ?

श्री नन्दा : इन सब चीजों को ध्यान में रखते हुए यह फैसला किया गया है ।

Shri P. C. Borooah: In what circumstances did Government agree to include the question of deportation of Pak infiltrants into Indian territory in the agenda of the Home Ministers' Conference and has that slowed down the pace of deportation, or rather has practically stopped deportation of Pakistanis from Assam?

Shri Nanda: We cannot rule that out.

Shri P. C. Borooah: I could not follow the reply.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Berwa.

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : क्या यह सच है कि सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह के साथ पाकिस्तान के गृह मंत्रों की आखिरी बैठक के बाद से पाकिस्तान ने सीमा पर छेड़ छड़ ज्यादा कर दी है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : सीमा की छेड़ छड़ इसमें कैसे आ गयी ?

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : पिछली बैठक के बाद से उन्होंने सीमा उल्लंघन ज्यादा करना शुरू कर दिया है ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : सीमा की छेड़ छड़ का यह सवाल नहीं है ।

Shri Daji: Will the continuous anti-Indian propaganda in Pakistan also figure in the agenda for the talks?

Shri Nanda: Since the question of communal harmony is also one of the important items in the agenda, things relevant to that will certainly arise.

Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: May I know whether it is intended that there should be a cease-fire on our borders before we enter into any sort of negotiations with Pakistan?

Shri Nanda: That is being pursued independently.

श्री राम लोचक यादव : भारत सरकार ने काश्मीर के सम्बन्ध में अपना निश्चित मत व्यक्त कर दिया है और पाकिस्तान सरकार भी काश्मीर को ही एक मुख्य प्रश्न मानती है । तो मैं जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या भारत सरकार के पास कोई दूसरा अन्य सुझाव है जिसके बारे में बातचीत करेंगे ?

श्री नन्दा : यह सब कुछ देखते हुए भी कम्युनल हारमनी का होना दोनों को पसन्द है, इस पर बातचीत हो सकती है ।

Shri Kapur Singh: Are Government aware that the Urdu vernacular press in Lahore in particular has been embarking upon a concerted plan of a

hatred campaign against Sikhism and the Sikh people and their history, and if so, will Government take up this point also when the meeting comes off?

Shri Nanda: That is certainly comprehended in the programme of communal harmony.

Shri Liladhar Kotoki: May I know whether the items that will be discussed in the next Home Ministers' Conference are the same as were discussed during the last conference, and whether in case any new items are going to be included a copy of the agenda will be laid on the Table of the House?

Shri Nanda: We have no intimation of any new item.

Nanda Devi Expedition

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- *348. { **Shri Himatsingka:**
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri B. P. Yadava:
Shri Dhaon:
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an eight-Member Expedition team conquered the Nanda Devi Peak;

(b) if so, how many members of the expedition reached the peak;

(c) whether in that team any representatives of foreign countries were also included; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the equipment used by the expedition was of Indian manufacture?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One member and one Sherpa reached the peak.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir, excepting 8 pairs of reindeer boots, 2 tents and 2 sets of oxygen equipment.

Shri Himatsingka: May I know whether such teams are given any encouragement either before the expedition or after the expedition?

Shri M. C. Chagla: Yes, every encouragement is given. It is because of this encouragement that our team had such a gallant performance. We are very proud of what they have achieved. It is purely an Indian team and not after the expedition?

Shri Himatsingka: What are the forms of encouragement?

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know what encouragement has actually been given.

Shri M. C. Chagla: We have a mountaineering institution in Darjeeling. It has an Indian Mountaineering Foundation and they train the people. We finance this institution. It is largely due to the very fine work of this Indian Mountaineering Foundation that people have been trained to climb mountains and achieve such fine results.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: The personnel of this team having come from the Army, may I know whether any incentives have been given to the Army personnel to take to mountaineering and hiking since these would be best suited Exercises for the Army officers in particular?

Shri M. C. Chagla: The people who formed this expedition team came from the Army and the Air Force....

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: They were mostly from the Defence Services.

Shri M. C. Chagla: Yes, mostly from the Defence Services.

Shri Majithia: May I know whether the price of the equipment that is being produced in India is comparable with that of similar equipment which is being brought from outside?

Shri M. C. Chagla: I have not got the figures here. But I am sure it is cheaper to make things here rather than to import them.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether any woman member has also been included in this expedition and also how many such women have been trained in mountaineering?

Shri M. C. Chagla: I am a great believer in the equality of sexes, and I hope that a day will come when a