

LOK SABHA

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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Photographs of U. S. Tanks

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Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri R. S. Pandey:

Will the Minister of External
Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has used the aerial photographs of the American Patton tanks taken by India for anti-India propaganda alleging that they were the "Indian Army's Patton tanks" used by India in the Kutch operations;

(b) whether it is a fact that these photographs were issued to the selected newspapers in the Middle-East in May, 1965 and were published by some of them; and

(c) if so, the action taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). The photographs of Patton tanks were published in one newspaper in Iran with the wrong caption.

(c) The matter was brought to the notice of the Editor concerned and a correction was published.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या हमारे पास पैटन टैंक है जो यह झूठा प्रचार पाकिस्तान की तरफ से किया जा रहा है ?

श्री विनेश सिंह : यह प्रचार झूठा है यह तो मैं कह सकता हूँ । पैटन टैंक हमारे पास हैं या नहीं, इसकी डिटेल्स तो पूरी हमारे रक्षा मंत्री दे सकते हैं ।

श्री यशपाल सिंह : अमरीका ने जो चीज हम को दी नहीं है, उसका झूठा प्रचार हो रहा है । क्या आप ने इसके भुनालिक अमरीका से पूछा है ?

श्री विनेश सिंह : अमरीका सरकार से पूछने का कहां सवाल उठता है । जिस ने झूठा प्रचार किया उसने दूसरे दिन उसका कर्रिक्शन भी छाप दिया ।

Shri D. C. Sharma: Pakistan erases the markings of America from the tanks and other arms which it has got from the USA as a result of their collaboration in CENTO, SEATO and other things. May I know if the Government has been able to identify some of these arms and has brought to the notice of the USA that they are trying to erase the markings which were there when those were given to them?

Shri Dinesh Singh: I do not think anyone has disputed the fact that these Patton tanks were used by Pakistan in Kutch.

Mr. Speaker: The only question is whether this has been brought to the notice of America that they are trying to erase those markings.

Shri Dinesh Singh: I do not know about the markings, whether they are erasing the markings or not, but these are American tanks given to them. This is not disputed.

Shri R. S. Pandey: With regard to the question of photographs of US tanks I wanted to know whether the attention of the United Nations has been drawn to this.

Shri Dinesh Singh: Yes, Sir; the United Nations is aware that Pakistan has used these tanks. This was publicised all over.

Shri Daji: On a point of order, Sir. The question was not whether the United Nations is aware or not but whether the United Nations has been appraised of the fact that they have been using these; whether the Government has done it.

Mr. Speaker: That means that the Government has not done anything particular but otherwise they know.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know if it is not a fact that the US had given us repeatedly assurances that if US arms given to Pakistan were directed against India in aggression the US would immediately undertake appropriate action both within and without the United Nations to thwart such action? These were the words used in a letter by President Eisenhower to Shri Nehru. In the context of that may I know if (a) the USA are not as yet convinced that Pakistan has committed aggression against us in Kutch and Kashmir; and (b) if the US are not convinced that Pakistan is using US arms against us both in Kutch and Kashmir?

Shri Dinesh Singh: U.S. is quite convinced that Pakistan is using U.S. arms. I do not know as to how much they are convinced and how much they would like to say publicly of Pakistan's aggression on us.

Shri Hem Barua: Sir, my question was . . .

Mr. Speaker: It is very difficult to tell as to how much they are convinced and whether they are convinced or not.

Shri Hem Barua: I just wanted to know from them whether U.S. has given the assurance that if U.S. arms given to Pakistan were used against us in aggression—these are the exact words—U.S. would take appropriate actions both within and without the United Nations to thwart such aggression.

Shri Dinesh Singh: I am sorry I have not got the exact words that I could mention this time. But, as you are aware, Sir, we have discussed this on the floor of the House in great detail as to what was the assurance U.S. had given.

श्री म० ल० द्विवेदी : दैनिक पत्रों में यह समाचार छता था कि अमरीका के कुछ प्रायश्चित्त क्षेत्र में जायेंगे और इस बात की जांच करेंगे कि ये टैंक अमरीकी हैं या नहीं। भारत की तरफ से उनको जाने की छूट थी लेकिन पाकिस्तान ने उनको कर्नादरेंस नहीं दिया था। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इसके बारे में लेटेस्ट पंजिशन क्या है ?

श्री दिनेश सिंह : ऐसा हम ने भी अखबारों में पढ़ा था कि पाकिस्तान की तरफ से उनको बहा जाने की इजाजत नहीं मिली।

Shri M. R. Krishna: The Deputy Minister just now stated that the United States have come to know that Pakistan is using the equipment against us which they have given for a different purpose. If that is so, may I know whether the Government have, at any time, tried with the United States to stop giving spare parts and not to maintain the aircraft etc. which have been given to them?

Shri Dinesh Singh: We have mentioned to the United States Government in very strong terms that they should prevent Pakistan from using American arms against us.

Shri M. R. Krishna: Sir, I have asked a specific question . . .

Mr. Speaker: What can we say about their maintenance, whether

they should supply the spare parts or not or whether they take any other action? We can only make a protest to them that we have an assurance from them that they will not allow Pakistan to use arms against us.

Shri Kapur Singh: Is it true that despite all the 16 years' courting and blandishments, the Middle-East press and public still feel the pull of Pakistan's Pan-Islamism greater than that of the secularism of India and, if so, what do Government propose to do in this regard? This question directly arises out of the Question on the list. I doubt whether the other questions did so directly arise.

Mr. Speaker: I am sure that it does arise out of this but, at the same time, I am sure that it should not be put. That is my request.

Shri Kapur Singh: I accede to your request.

Mr. Speaker: So nice of you.

श्री बागड़ी : मंत्री महोदय ने एक प्रश्न के जवाब में कहा कि पाकिस्तान के अखबारों में छतों टूटने खबर को गैने भी देखा है। क्या मंत्री महोदय बतलायेंगे कि उन अखबार की खबर का देख कर मंत्रालय ने उसके ऊपर क्या कार्रवाई की और अगर पाकिस्तान ने ऐसा कदम उठाया तो उसके बारे में हमारी सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाया ?

श्री विदेश सिंह : मेरे खयाल में शायद सदस्य महोदय उसका जिक्र कर रहे हैं जबकि अमरीका के लोग जाना चाहते थे पाकिस्तान की तरफ देखने के लिए। हम उसके लिए क्या कर सकते हैं ?

Shri Swell: I want to know if Government's attention has been drawn to certain newspaper reports that the United States Government consider the use of the American weapons and tanks by Pakistan as of secondary importance and, if so, has

the Government conveyed its reaction to these reports to the United States Government?

Shri Dinesh Singh: I am sorry I am not quite clear as to the implication of 'secondary importance'. But we have, as I mentioned earlier, conveyed to the United States Government in very strong terms our concern about the use of American weapons by Pakistan and, I think, the United States Government is itself quite concerned.

Shri Swell: I wanted to know whether the Government has conveyed its reaction to the reports that the United States Government consider the use of their weapons and tanks by Pakistan as of secondary importance. Did they convey their reaction immediately after that?

Shri Dinesh Singh: What is secondary importance? For us it is a matter of great importance.

Mr. Speaker: His question is whether we have reacted to their statement that it is of secondary importance.

Shri Dinesh Singh: The Americans have never said that they are of secondary importance. The assurance was very clear that the U.S. military weapons, given to Pakistan under the aid programme, would not be used against India. How can they should so many Members speak simultaneously? (Interruptions)

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. One Member has put a question. Why should so many Members speak simultaneously?

Shri Swell: Have we drawn the attention of the United States Government to these newspaper reports?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): I have not seen any report where it has been said that it is of secondary importance.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Aad: We are surprised!

Shri Daji: Every paper has published that.

Shri Swaran Singh: We are in touch with the United States Government and they have never said that they are of secondary importance. There is nothing further for us to point out to them on something that some correspondent continues to write something.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: To our Government's knowledge, has Pakistan officially denied at any stage in any of its communications to the United States Government or the United Nations or to us that they were using American arms, particularly tanks, in Kutch and Kashmir?

Shri Swaran Singh: I do not think that they have.

Mr. Speaker: Question No. 420.

Shri D. C. Sharma: The next question is 420!

Mr. Speaker: The lady is not here. If, however, the Member is very particular about 420, I can allow it.

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क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्रसारण तथा सूचना माध्यम सम्बन्धी समिति ने अब तक कितना कार्य पूरा कर लिया है;

(ख) समिति ने क्या मुख्य सिफारिशें की हैं; और

(ग) उस पर सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी) : (क) चन्दा समिति ने आकाशवाणी के काम के कुछ पहलुओं पर अब तक दो प्रगति रिपोर्टें दी हैं। इनमें एक "समावर्ती क्षेत्रों के लिए प्रसारण" पर है और दूसरी "ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के लिए प्रसारण" पर।

(ख) और (ग). एक विवरण सदन की मेज पर रखा जा रहा है, [पुस्तकालय में रखा गया—बैजिने संख्या एन टी-4759/65] जिसमें इन प्रगति रिपोर्टों की मुख्य सिफारिशें और उन पर की जाने वाली कार्रवाई दी हुई है।

श्री प्रकाशबीर शास्त्री : समावर्ती क्षेत्रों में वर्तमान परिस्थितियों को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रचार कार्यक्रम बढ़ाने के लिये मंत्री महोदय ने विस्तार से जो जानकारी विवरण में दी है, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या उस के लिये चतुर्थ पंच वर्षीय योजना में कुछ विशेष घनराशि भी नियत की गई है। यदि हाँ, तो वह कितना है।

श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी : अभी पंच वर्षीय योजना तो तय नहीं हुई है। जब वह तय हो जायेगी तभी निश्चय होगा।

श्री प्रकाशबीर शास्त्री : लेकिन मंत्री महोदय ने उस के लिये कुछ सुझाव तो दिये होंगे।