

Shri P. Venkatasubbalah: Having regard to the fact that American arms are being used by Pakistan and that these photographs of the tanks used by Pakistan—the tanks which were supplied by America are also there, yet, in view of the fact that our embassies were not able to make the necessary impact on the public mind in various foreign countries, may I know what efforts the Government propose to take to see that our publicity is made quite effective in other countries?

Shri Dinesh Singh: I would not say that we were unable to make any impact. I think the whole world has acknowledged that Pakistan has used American weapons.

Shri Swaran Singh: I may add that even Pakistan does not deny that it is using those American equipments against us in Chaamb and elsewhere.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: In view of the general acceptance that Pakistan is using American arms, may I know whether the Government have any reactions of the US Government available as to what is being done or proposed to be done to stop this and to secure the conformity of Pakistan to the assurance that was conveyed at the time of receiving this assistance and the assurance given to us by America?

Shri Swaran Singh: We have reminded the United States Government of the assurance that had been given to us at the time when this arms aid was given in a massive manner to Pakistan. (Interruption). The United States Government, though not in so many words, have more or less confessed their inability to do anything in the present situation.

Shri Hem Barua: Why inability? (Interruption).

श्री भागवत झा झाझार : अमरीका के कुछ बर्तों और बर्तों के कुछ उच्च अधिकारियों

ने बराबर इस बात का उल्लेख किया है कि हमें भारत और पाकिस्तान दोनों ओर से अमरीकन अस्त्रों के प्रयोग की शिकायत मिली है। क्या भारत सरकार ने इस बात का प्रतिवाद किया है कि हमने पाकिस्तान के खिलाफ अमरीकी अस्त्रों का प्रयोग नहीं किया है; यदि हां, तो माननीय मंत्री जी ने अर्थात् जो कुछ कहा है, उसके अतिरिक्त लिखित या मौखिक रूप में अमरीका सरकार की ओर से इस बारे में क्या प्रतिक्रिया प्राप्त हुई है कि हम ने उसके अस्त्रों का प्रयोग नहीं किया है, बल्कि पाकिस्तान ने किया है ?

श्री स्वर्ण सिंह : इसके मौखिक लिखित रूप में कुछ नहीं मिला है। हमने कह दिया है कि हमें जो अमरीकन हथियार मिले थे, वे पाकिस्तान के खिलाफ इस्तेमाल नहीं किये गये।

Shrimati Yashoda Reddy: May I know if, apart from not accepting the responsibility of having given aid which Pakistan is using against India, sources from America say, if we have given more aid to Pakistan it is only natural because India has a greater numerical military strength and nothing could be done about this?

Shri Swaran Singh: There is nothing for me to reply.

Massing of Pak. Forces on East Pakistan Border

*722. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the West Bengal Government in a telegram sent on the 14th May, 1965 has asked the East Pakistan Government to withdraw its forces massed along the border, fill up trenches dug and dismantle the bunkers as these are in violation of the ground rules;

(b) if so, whether any reply has been received from Pakistan; and

(c) if not, the further steps likely to be taken in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) On May 14, 1965, the West Bengal Government sent a telegram to the Government of East Pakistan emphatically denying Pakistani allegations of massing of Indian Forces around the Pakistan enclave of Dahagram and asking East Pakistan Government to instruct their Border officials not to interfere with the work of metalling of a road which was in progress in Tinbigha within Indian territory. In this telegram, the East Pakistan Government was also asked to withdraw their forces from places along the West Bengal-East Pakistan border, including the Cooch-Behar sector.

(b) In their reply, the Government of East Pakistan reiterated their allegations and demands, but ignored the West Bengal Government's demand for withdrawal of Pakistan Forces from East Pakistan-West Bengal border.

(c) Adequate security measures are being taken by our Security Forces.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether it is a fact that after the ultimatum by expansionist China, East Pakistan has massed troops along all the borders, including Nadiad, and if so, what steps have been taken to counteract them?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: There is concentration of war-like activities along the border in the districts of Rangpur, Rajshahi and Dinajpur in East Pakistan. In answer to part (c), I have answered that the government is taking adequate steps.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: My question is, after the Chinese ultimatum whether they have increased.

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: Yes, Sir.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Is it a fact that a big air base has been built by Pakistan in Jessore and, if so, have adequate steps been taken to see that they are not able to bombard our Indian territory from that base?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): I do not think I should reply to that question. We know that air-base is there. What steps, if any, are taken is a matter for the defence forces. We should never discuss what are the counter steps to be taken.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I want to know whether there is an airbase in Jessore and what steps have been taken to see that they are not able to bombard our territory from there?

Mr. Speaker: Is there an air-base in Jessore?

Shri Swaran Singh: I do not know, Sir; it is for the Defence Minister to say.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: On a point of order, Sir. This question has been raised every day and we are getting news. But we are precluded from asking questions. Naturally we are unable to know about Jessore . . .

Mr. Speaker: I have asked him and he says he has not got the information. I will request him to find out and supply that information.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Can't the Minister say that we are in a position to counteract it effectively and stop it?

Shri S. M. Banerjee: A team of Sabre jets is there. Everybody knows this and the Minister does not know!

Mr. Speaker: Therefore, there is nothing to be asked.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Have reliable reports been received that

there are several Chinese military advisers, officers and technicians active in East Pakistan and if so, has the government reasons to believe that the recent Chinese ultimatum to India is linked up with joint preparations for a military offensive by China and Pakistan in the eastern sector?

Shri Swaran Singh: There is no doubt from the phraseology used in the Chinese note that there is collusion between China and Pakistan. As to what is the actual unfolding of that in the form of technicians or other Chinese people there, the government may have information, but I cannot give any precise information on that.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Sir, I rise to a point of order. This is very strange indeed, to say the least, that Government may have some information on this. Our papers are full of it, foreign papers are more full of it, that Chinese advisers are working with Pakistan. I do not think it is in the public interest to hide it from Parliament and the people.

Mr. Speaker: Whether those Chinese are there can be said. I agree that a precise answer may not be available.

Shri Swaran Singh: That is what I ventured to point out. We have some information that Chinese may be there, but it is very difficult for me to make a categorical statement about their number, where they are and in what capacity they are.

Shri Hem Barua: Sir, we sent our troops to the eastern sector as soon as Pakistan aggressed on us in the Rann of Kutch, but as soon as the cease-fire agreement was signed with Pakistan over the Rann of Kutch we withdrew our troops from the eastern frontier. Now even the Chief Minister of Assam says that Pakistan is massing troops on a mass scale on the eastern frontier. In the context of that, may I know what steps our

Government have taken and whether our Government have sent our troops to the eastern frontier now or not?

Shri Swaran Singh: Sir, we have always been following this very healthy practice of not making statements about withdrawal of troops or movement of troops on the borders. I would appeal to hon. Members that we should stick to that.

Shri Hem Barua: Sir, I rise to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: Every question should not be followed with a point of order.

Shri Hem Barua: Sir, there is a very relevant point and you will discover it. When our troops were withdrawn from the eastern frontier after the signing of the cease-fire agreement, it was declared . . .

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Then let that declaration remain there. What we have to do the Government must be doing.

Shri Hem Barua: The Minister of External Affairs said that about the stationing of troops . . .

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. We should not here disclose where we are stationing our troops.

श्री बागड़ी : क्या सरकार ने पूर्वी पाकिस्तान, एस्तनिरतान और पूर्वी बंगाल में फौजी हिफाजत और कार्रवाई के इलावा कोई राजनीतिक कार्य भी किया है जिससे पाकिस्तान को घबका लगे ?

श्री स्वर्ण सिंह : कोई राजनीतिक काम हमने वहाँ ईस्ट पाकिस्तान में नहीं किया है ।

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: May I know whether the Government thinks that all these provocative acts on the eastern frontier are mere camouflages to divert the attention of the Government of India from the western frontier; if not, whether the Government

thinks that these acts on the eastern side are a prelude to something ominous in collusion with the Chinese?

Shri Swaran Singh: I think, Sir, these are things which should be left to the military experts.

Mr. Speaker: It is rather a matter of opinion.

T.V. Sets

*723. **Shri Yashpal Singh:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether an assessment has been made for the requirement of television sets in the next ten years; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to achieve that?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shri C. E. Pattabhi Raman): (a) The requirements of T.V. sets in the next ten years will depend on the rate of expansion of TV Service. The Draft Fourth Five Year Plan provides for an expenditure of Rs. 4.7 crores for setting up TV Stations in Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Kanpur, besides the expansion of the Delhi Station. When the proposed TV Stations also come up, it is expected that the demand may be about one lakh sets.

(b) It is proposed to import about 10,000 sets to meet the immediate requirements of Delhi. The Central Electronics Research Institute, Pilani aim to produce about 1000 T.V. sets per annum.

The Ministry of Industry and Supply are also exploring possibilities of setting up of indigenous industry for manufacture of T.V. sets.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या सरकार ने सोच लिया है कि बढ़ती जरूरतों को महसूस करने हुए किजहाल यह काम मूलतः रखा जाए जिसे कि हमारी सारी शक्ति डिफेंस के कामों में लग सके ?

सूचना और प्रारण मंत्री (श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी) : ऐसा भ्रम उचित होगा जो जरूर करेगे ।

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या सरकार ने ऐसा काम किया है कि इस तरह की व्यवस्था से भ्रमीर लोग फायदा उठा लेते हैं और गरीब लोग महसूस रह जाते हैं और समाजवाद के इस ढांचे में कोई ऐसी व्यवस्था की जाए कि गरीब लोगों को भी इससे फायदा मिल सके, वे भी इससे फायदा उठा सकें ?

श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी : जी नहीं, यह सत्य नहीं है । इसका कारण यह है कि टी० वी० के द्वारा बहुत सी सुविधाये जो राजस्व भ्रमीर प्राप्त कर सकते हैं, वे पहली दफा हमारी बस्तियों में, म्यूनिसिपल स्कूलों में टेला-क्लब्स इत्यादि में जा रही हैं । आपका जानकर खुशी होगी कि जो सैट दिल्ली पहुंचे हैं उनमें से हमने कुछ मिलिटरी अस्पतालों के लिए भ्रलग किये हैं और वहां लग रहे हैं ।

Shri R. S. Pandey: I would like to know as to what would be the criteria for allotting the 10,000 TV sets that are coming and whether preference would be given to Members of Parliament and journalists.

Shrimati Indira Gandhi: It is for Members of Parliament themselves to decide who has a priority—whether M.Ps. have a priority or our jawans who are wounded and are in military hospitals or school children in municipal schools or poor people in *jhuggis* and *bastis*. Preference at the moment is being given to schools, hospitals, tele clubs, social and cultural organisations.

Mr. Speaker: I would not advise the Government to put a television set here in Parliament.

श्री सरजू पाण्डेय : भ्रमी मंत्री महं दय ने बताया है कि दम वर्य में एक लाख सैटों