

श्री प्रभु लिमये : अध्यक्ष महोदय, प्रायः को याद होगा कि पिछले सत्र में मैंने सुरक्षा मंत्री से सवाल किया था कि राजस्थान के सीमावर्ती इलाकों से जहाँ पाकिस्तान ने जबरन कब्जा किया है क्या ग्राम पंचायतों के साथ सरपंच पाकिस्तान चले गये थे तो उस वक्त उन्होंने चुप्पी साधी थी, अब राज खूल गया है, राजस्थान की विधान सभा में यह उष्य सामने आया है तो अभी मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या वह सदन को इस के बारे में सही जानकारी देने के लिए तैयार हैं ? ये हिन्दुस्तानी नागरिक होने के कारण उन के भविष्य का बड़ा महत्वपूर्ण सवाल है, उस के बारे में सरकार का रुख क्या रहने वाला है ?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: I will require certain notice; I should have inter-ministerial discussions before I can make any statement about it.

श्री प्रभु लिमये : मंत्री महोदय जानकारी दो दें—नीति वह बाद में बता दें ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : वह जानकारी लेंगे ।

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : यों तो पाकिस्तान के साथ सरकार ने बहुत बार समझौते किये हैं, किन्तु ये तीन समझौते बहुत प्रसिद्ध हैं : नेहरू-लियाकत समझौता, कच्छ का समझौता और ताशकन्द समझौता और इन तीनों समझौतों को पाकिस्तान तोड़ता आया है । जिस ताशकन्द समझौते के बारे में हम कहते थे कि यह बहुत बढ़िया समझौता हुआ है, पाकिस्तान उस को भी तोड़ रहा है । मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार अब भी इस समझौते का पालन करेगी और क्या वह पाकिस्तान के साथ और समझौते करने का विचार रखती है ?

Shri Y. B. Chavan There is no question as such. The Tashkent agreement is there. It is very obvious that we want to stick to the Tashkent agreement.

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Mr. Speaker: Next question.

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरे प्रश्न का उत्तर नहीं आया है । मैंने यह नहीं पूछा था ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : माननीय सदस्य ने पूछा कि क्या सरकार अब भी ताशकन्द समझौते का पालन करेगी । मिनिस्टर साहब ने कहा है कि जरूर करेगी ।

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : मैंने यह पूछा है कि क्या अब भी सरकार पाकिस्तान के साथ समझौता करती रहेगी ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : प्रागे का कौन कह सकता है ?

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : सरकार को यह बताना चाहिए । इन समझौतों का क्या भर्ष होता है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : जब माननीय सदस्य इलैक्ट हो कर इधर आ जायेंगे, तो वह इस बारे में फ़ैसला कर सकते हैं ।

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : उन को इधर आना पड़ेगा ?

Study of Pak. Weapons captured during Indo-Pak. Conflict

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- *510. **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether some National Laboratories have started studying sophisticated weapons, including Sabre Jets, Patton Tanks and Cobra anti-tank missiles captured from Pakistan Forces during the recent conflict;

(b) whether his Ministry had asked Scientists, I.C.S.R. and other Research Establishments to make specific proposals for defence research; and

(c) whether special allocation of funds for devising measures to improve the country's defence capabilities has been made to I.C.S.R. from his Ministry?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) No, Sir. However, various Research & Development Laboratories under the Ministry of Defence are making suitable studies in related fields.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. A number of projects of defence interest have been given to various CSIR laboratories, Universities and other Research Institutes in the country—special funds are made available where necessary.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: May I know whether the Government has requisitioned the services of eminent scientists in the universities and if so, which are the universities concerned under the new project?

Shri A. M. Thomas: We have taken the services of eminent scientists. 180 projects of Defence interest are in progress in the various national laboratories under the C.S.I.R. and we have also entrusted certain projects of Defence interest—as many as 41—to different universities and technical institutions in the country.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: May I know what is the special amount that has been made available to CSIR for Defence research?

Shri A. M. Thomas: So far as C.S.I.R. is concerned, no amount is necessary. From their own funds, they are making available the necessary amounts. If necessary, we would be prepared to place additional amounts at their disposal.

श्री म० सा० द्विवेदी : हाल के संघर्ष में पाकिस्तान के द्वारा जिन हथियारों का

प्रयोग किया गया था, उन के बारे में हमारे प्रतिरक्षा अधिकारियों ने बताया था कि उन की तुलना में भारत के पास उतने अच्छे हथियार नहीं थे। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि पाकिस्तान के जो हथियार पकड़े गए थे, क्या उन का अध्ययन करा कर भारत सरकार इस बात का प्रबन्ध करेगी कि जब कभी भविष्य में इस प्रकार के संघर्ष की आशंका हो, तो हमारे पास भी उनके मुकाबले के हथियार हों और उन हथियारों को हासिल किया जाये ?

Shri A. M. Thomas: It is an established practice that all enemy equipment, arms and ammunitions, captured during times of hostilities, would certainly be examined by our Army establishment and also by the Research & Development Organisation of the Ministry of Defence. That is being done. The main object is also to study, analyse and evaluate salient points of interest which we may perhaps ourselves borrow. We are taking all the steps; for example, the studies also include Cobra anti-missiles which we captured, Patton tanks and other weapons.

श्री म० सा० द्विवेदी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैंने यह पूछा था कि क्या सरकार पाकिस्तान के पकड़े गए हथियारों का अध्ययन करा कर उन के मुकाबले के हथियार हासिल करेगी या नहीं ? इस का जबाब नहीं आया है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इस का जबाब आ गया है।

श्री म० सा० द्विवेदी : मंत्री महोदय ने कहा है कि वह उन हथियारों का अध्ययन करा रहे हैं। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार ऐसे हथियार प्राप्त करने का यत्न करेगी, जिनसे हम पाकिस्तान का मुकाबला कर सकें ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : श्री भागवत झा आजाद।

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether the suitable studies in suitable fields made by the Ministry include only the American Sabre-jets and the German Cobra anti-tank missiles or whether they include also the British weapons supplied by our Commonwealth friend to Pakistan and captured during the last hostilities?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The studies include weapons of all types.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: May I know whether care is being taken to see that we develop our own quality and also striking force as far as the weapons of war are concerned, and if so, what attention has been devoted towards that matter?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The Research and Development Organisation is attending to that and to some extent the various inspectorates also are attending to it. I have already mentioned about the work that is being carried on in the CSIR and in the various universities. That is constantly kept under review.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether our Defence scientists or defence experts agree with the statement made by the US defence experts after their study of the Patton tanks which fell during the Indo-Pakistan conflict, and if so, to what extent? If they do not agree, may I know how far our arms are superior so that they could knock down the other arms?

Shri A. M. Thomas: I do not know what the hon. Member has in mind. It is very difficult to answer that question.

Shri Ranga: May we be assured that the defence research section has been suitably strengthened and is proposed to be further strengthened in addition to the various universities being encouraged to take interest in defence research?

Shri A. M. Thomas: It is true that the problems that are being posed are increasing day by day, and the Re-

search and Development Organisation to the extent possible is also being strengthened.

Shri Ranga: I only asked whether it was being strengthened to the extent possible. I do not understand this kind of answer by the hon. Minister. I want to know whether they have taken steps to strengthen their staff and also research equipment.

Shri A. M. Thomas: In fact, under the Research and Development establishment, there are as many as 32 to 35 establishments; and they are being strengthened.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether improvement and expansion of defence research installations are proposed to deal with the special works that are mentioned in part (a) of the question, and other things?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Yes.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether Government propose to invite foreign collaboration to develop weapons to effectively counter these sophisticated weapons, and if so, wherefrom and the prospects thereof?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The scope for collaboration in our Research and Development Establishment is certainly limited; they are mainly being managed and managed by our own scientists and technicians. As far as our production establishments are concerned, there are certain things which we are manufacturing with the help of foreign collaborators.

Shri R. S. Pandey: Some time back, there was a news item in the papers that a foreign team, especially from America and Britain, wanted to come to India and Pakistan to study the use of these sophisticated weapons. May I know whether that is true, and if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Shri A. M. Thomas: I do not know about it.

Shri Warrior: In view of the fact that our research institutes are only manned by our own scientists, may I know whether any foreign scientists also are being requisitioned for examining these highly sophisticated hardware?

Shri A. M. Thomas: In the first place, if we view it from one aspect, it is not advisable to associate foreign scientists; if we view it from another aspect, foreign scientists may not be prepared to come to our research establishment and part with their know-how; so, there are limitations on both sides.

Shri M. R. Krishna: May I know whether all these items which have been captured from the enemy have been repaired in the defence workshops, and whether in regard to those things which we are not able to repair for want of spare parts, the Defence Ministry is trying to return those things to America and UK and get in return the equipment which we are already using?

Shri A. M. Thomas: We have not launched on any programme to repair these vehicles, although the weapons system is being closely studied by us.

Shri M. R. Krishna: What about the replacement of those things which we cannot repair? Can we not get something in return for them from Britain and America?

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether the attention of Government... May I know whether . . .

Mr. Speaker: I am listening. The hon. Member may continue.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: The Speaker's attention alone is not enough. He wants Government's attention also.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a statement made by President Ayub Khan very recently that after a just solution of the Kashmir dispute, the two countries must reduce their arms strength, and if so, in that context, may I know whether Government have tried to ascertain from the Pakistani sources or from the US sources the backlog of US arms and ammunitions that Pakistan still has in her possession?

Shri A. M. Thomas: In fact, our defence preparedness has been programmed in the context of the Chinese threat, so that we cannot relax in our efforts at all. With regard to what President Ayub said, I have not got any specific information in order to say either yes or no to the question.

Mr. Speaker: The Question Hour is over. Shri Bagri's question has been transferred to the 25th; he does not know it himself.

12.00 hrs.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

Payment of Bonus by Private Coal Mine Owners

S.N.Q. 8. Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Dr. Ranen Sen:
Shri Mohammad Elias:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Daji:

Will the Minister of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the non-payment of the statutory minimum Bonus of 4 per cent by most of the private coal mine owners, widespread agitations and unrest are taking place in the mining areas;

(a) whether hunger strikes by Miners' Trade Union Leaders and workers have been launched all over the country as a protest; and