

LOK SABHA

Tuesday, September 6, 1966/Bhadra 15,
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of
the Clock.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy (Kendra-
para): Sir, may I introduce to you the new
Leader of the Opposition in this House,
Shri Satya Narayan Sinha, by my side.

Shri Tyagi (Dehra Dun): Have you cross-
ed the floor!

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS
SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS

इंटरनेशनल सेक्रेटेरियेट फार वालेंटियर कोर

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क्या योजना तथा समाज कल्याण मंत्री
यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 'इंटर-
नेशनल सेक्रेटेरियेट फार वालेंटियर कोर'

नामक संस्था को देश विरोधी गतिविधियों की
ओर आकृष्ट किया गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि योजना आयोग
इस संस्था में काफी रुचि लेता है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि उक्त संस्था
सर्वथा विदेशी संस्था है और वह देश विरोधी
कार्यवाही में सक्रिय है ;

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय जांच
ब्यूरो ने इसकी जांच भी की थी ;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में
सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ; और

(च) क्या सरकार इस संस्था पर प्रति-
बन्ध लगाने का विचार कर रही है ?

The Minister of Planning and Social
Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) Govern-
ment are not aware of the existence of the
Institution named 'International Secretariat
for Volunteer Corp'. However, there is an
Inter-Governmental organisation known as
"International Secretariat for Volunteer
Service" of which India is a member. It has
no office in India nor any of its representa-
tives is stationed in India. It has no volun-
teers of its own.

(b) Planning Commission is concerned
with the subject of public cooperation in
national development. In that capacity it
looks after the work of, and supports the
activities of, volunteer organisations. Since
one of the major functions of the Inter-
national Secretariat for Volunteer Service
is to cooperate with organisations engaged
in coordinating national volunteer pro-
grammes, the Planning Commission main-
tains close contacts with the International
Secretariat for Volunteer Service.

(c) The International Secretariat for Volunteer Service is an inter-Governmental organisation of an international character. India is a member of both the Assembly and the Council of this international organisation. Government have no reason to think that this organisation is indulging in any anti-Indian activity.

(d) and (e). It is not a fact that the C.B.I. had conducted any enquiry into the affairs of the International Secretariat for Volunteer Service.

(f) In view of the replies to (a) to (e) above, the question does not arise.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : श्रीमन्, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या मा.तीय राजना मंत्री को मालूम है अभी पिछली बार गृह मंत्रालय की एजेंसी ने इसकी छानबीन की थी और उस में कुछ ऐसे तथ्य पाये गए कि यह भारत विरोधी प्रचार करने हैं ? क्या सरकार उस एजेंसी द्वारा जो रिपोर्ट तैयार की गई है उसे सभा पटल पर रखने के लिए तैयार है ?

Shri Asoka Mehta: My enquiries made from the Ministry of Home Affairs tell me that no such investigation has been made and the question, therefore, of placing any report on the Table of the House does not arise.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : श्रीमन्, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार के ध्यान में यह बात आयी है कि आने वाले मार्च में इन का अखिल विश्व सम्मेलन होने जा रहा है. उसमें हमारी सरकार काफ़ी तादाद में सहायता देने वाली है, तो कितने रुपये की सहायता सरकार देगी और उससे भारत को कितना लाभ होगा और इसी देश में इस सम्मेलन को करने का उद्देश्य क्या है ? क्या सरकार का ध्यान इन और भी नया है कि इन कालटियरों द्वारा देहातों में जाकर भारत के प्रति विरोध प्रचार किया जाता है जिन का प्रभाव कॉलेज के छात्रों पर पड़ा है ?

Shri Asoka Mehta: As I have made it clear earlier, this Secretariat has no volunteers of its own and, therefore, there is no question of its volunteers going anywhere and doing anything. It is merely a co-ordinating organisation. It has a secretariat that tries to pool experiences together and share them. It is true that a proposal has been made that the international conference be held in India. This matter is still under discussion with the ministries concerned, including the External Affairs Ministry. The final decision about that conference is still to be taken because the details about which are the countries to be invited and all that are being still worked out.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैंने दूसरी बात पूछी थी कि कितनी सहायता सरकार ने दी है

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Order, order.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : आप सुन तो लीजिए । मेरी कठिनाई है कि आप को हिन्दी समझ में नहीं आती और मुझे अंग्रेजी समझ में नहीं आती ।

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He has given the answer. If you are not satisfied, you may ask for a half-an-hour discussion.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : पर आप मेरे प्रश्न का उत्तर तो आने दीजिए कि इस संबंध में सरकार कितनी सहायता देने वाली है ? इस का उत्तर तो आने दीजिए ।

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Order, order.

Shri Hem Barua: The hon. Minister has just now said that this international Secretariat for Volunteer Corps does not have any volunteers. In that connection, May I know what service this organisation is expected to perform?

Shri Asoka Mehta: It collects information and experiences. There are 70,000 volunteers of this kind working in national programmes as well as international programmes scattered all over the world. I

think, something like 94 countries are involved. Something like 40 countries or more are associated with this organisation. It is a secretariat only. It pools experiences of different countries. It provides technical assistance wherever needed. It is a kind of clearing house of information. It has no volunteers of its own and India contributes a certain amount of money, as many other countries contribute to this organisation.

Shri Hem Barua: May I seek a clarification.

श्री हुकम चन्द कड़वाय : अध्यक्ष महोदय आप प्रश्न तो पूरा होने नहीं देते। मेरे प्रश्न का उत्तर बिल्कुल नहीं आया।

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Order, order. The answer has been given. If you are not satisfied, you can ask for a half-an-hour discussion.

श्री हुकम चन्द कड़वाय : अध्यक्ष महोदय, आप को हिन्दी समझ में नहीं आती और मुझे अंग्रेजी समझ में नहीं आती। मैंने पूछा

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: I am sorry I cannot go back.

श्री हुकम चन्द कड़वाय : मैंने पूछा कि सरकार उस संबंध में कितना खर्च देने वाली है ?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: If you are not satisfied with the answer, You can ask for a half-an-hour discussion.

श्री हुकम चन्द कड़वाय : अब आधे घंटे का कहां समय है ? आप मुझे उत्तर दिलवाइए सरकार कितना खर्चा देने वाली है ?

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I would like to know whether it is a fact that this particular organisation in which so many countries are there has been inspired by the U.S. Government and whether it is a fact that some of the persons who are working in this organisation for the purpose of exchange of information on planning and other things

are working as spies and are trying to sabotage our plan as far as the public sector is concerned.

Shri Asoka Mehta: I have already replied to this in my written reply.

Shri Vasudevan Nair: Although the Minister stated that there are no volunteers in this country as part of this voluntary service, there is some office for the exchange of information. May I know whether any foreign persons are working in this office ?

Shri Asoka Mehta: Which office?

Shri Vasudevan Nair: I am told there is some office or centre for the exchange of information.

Shri Asoka Mehta: I said that there is no office in India. I have said that they have no office in India and they have no volunteers. It is an international secretariat where this work is done. India contributes \$ 4500 per year as a member of this international secretariat.

Shri Vasudevan Nair: What for ?

Shri Asoka Mehta: It joined it because, as I said, 40 countries have joined it and through this organisation a variety of experiences are being pooled together.

Shri Joachim Alva: Has the Planning Commission ever called for youth bodies from all over India, young men and women out of our Universities, who are ready to come and work for the country? Have they prepared a list of their names and have they ever called them for rendering service instead of importing volunteers from other countries who get into our vital sectors of economy? I do not find fault with the Americans. They are a most hospitable nation, they welcome us and we send our young men there. But why get foreign volunteers and smuggle them into our vital, classified sectors of our economy doing harm to the security of our land ?

Shri Asoka Mehta: We have in our country volunteers drawn from eight different countries. Secondly, as I pointed out, in

about 90 countries of the world, this kind of programme of international cooperation is being carried on and the Government of India feels that this is an area where this kind of international cooperation is welcome. Wherever volunteers are allowed, they are assigned duties that are determined by the State Governments and all this is done under the strict direction, guidance and control of the State Governments concerned.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know where are the headquarters for this International Volunteer Corps and what precise service do we get from it, being a member of that, for which we pay about 4,000 dollars. No volunteer, no service, nothing in this country?

Shri Asoka Mehta: I have made it clear over and over again that the headquarters of this particular Secretariat are in Washington. As far as the services are concerned, I have made it clear that it is a clearing house of experiences from different countries...

Shri Nambiar: Experiences in what?

Shri Asoka Mehta: Experiences about international volunteers as well as national volunteers. I said that 70,000 volunteers are working.

Shri Nambiar: Volunteers to do what?

Shri Asoka Mehta: To do the kind of social work. I am sure the hon. Member is fully aware of the kind of social work that is being done. If he is not aware, I shall be happy to give him the information on some other occasion.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : हमारे माननीय मंत्री ने यह नहीं बतलाया कि इस इन्टरनेशनल वॉलंटियर कोर से हिन्दुस्तान का क्या लगाव है, हमारा इस से क्या हित होना है, किस लिये हम इन को डालर देते हैं, हमारा इनके साथ सम्बन्ध क्या है ?

श्री अशोक मेहता : मैंने कई बार जवाब दिया है, हमारे मुल्क में आठ दूसरे मुल्कों के वॉलंटियर्स काम करते हैं।

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या काम करते हैं ?

श्री हुसम चन्द कछवाय : राजनीतिक प्रचार करते हैं, अपने देश का प्रचार करते हैं।

श्री अशोक मेहता : क्या काम करते हैं, हर साल इसकी रिपोर्ट पार्लियामेंट के सामने पेश की जाती है, फिर भी मेम्बरान को पूरा हक है, अगर वह ज्यादा मालूमात जानना चाहें, तो मैं देने के लिये तयार हूँ। इस सैक्रेटेरियट को हम पैसा देते हैं, जैसा हमारे मुल्क में काम होता है, वैसा दूसरे मुल्कों में काम होता है, मुखतलिफ कामों के बारे में जो उनके एक्सपीरियन्सेज होते हैं, यह सैक्रेटेरियट उसकी एक क्लियरिंग हाउस है।

The Government of India feels that the benefit, that we derive from getting all this kind of information and sorted-out experiences is worth paying 4,500 dollars.

Shri Raghunath Singh: May I know how many Indian volunteers are working outside India, especially in America?

Shri Asoka Mehta: We have no organisation for this purpose. As far as the United States is concerned, they wanted to organize what they call Reverse Peace Corps. Six Indians were sent for the Reverse Peace Corps. They have been asking for many more people, but so far our response has been that we are not in a position to send.

श्री बूटा सिंह : उपाध्यक्ष जी, यह जो स्वयं-सेवक और स्वयंसेविकायें हैं, ये सांस्कृतिक और सभ्यचारिक आदान-प्रदान का सब से अच्छा साधन हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस को बढ़ोत्तरी देने के लिये सरकार और क्या उपाय कर रही है ?

Shri Asoka Mehta: I do not know what was the last part of the question. Can he repeat it?

श्री बूटा सिंह : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस को बढ़ोत्तरी देने के लिये सरकार और क्या उपाय कर रही है ?

Shri Kapur Singh: What steps are Government taking to encourage this cultural exchange between various countries?

Shri Asoka Mehta: This is not a question of cultural exchange. This is volunteer service; to the extent that cultural exchange takes place from volunteer service, it is there.

Shri Jaipal Singh: The hon. Minister said that it was inter-governmental and, secondly, it was a volunteer organisation. I do not quite understand why we are a member of this organisation when we are not contributing anything at all. Our country cannot go on receiving voluntary service all the time without providing any volunteer service. I would like to know exactly why 'inter-governmental' comes in this voluntary organisation.

Shri Asoka Mehta: It is not a voluntary organisation. The Governments of 40 countries have come together for this purpose and settled this secretariat. That is why it is an inter-governmental organisation. There are volunteers who may be sponsored either by the Governments or by non-official bodies but who are supported by Government. Take, for instance, the volunteers from the United Kingdom. While they come here, they are being looked after by the British Council in our country.

Shri Jaipal Singh: We cannot provide volunteers?

Shri Asoka Mehta: As far as we are concerned, we can provide volunteers if we are willing to spend money on sending them at our expense to foreign countries and maintaining them at our expense in foreign countries. I do not think that India would want to do that kind of thing, and that is why we have felt that it is not our responsibility to send out volunteers, and if we can we would like to send them to our neighbouring countries if ever we can do this.

Shri S. Kandappan: Unfortunately, the kind of replies that we are getting do not justify the amount that we contribute. May I know from the hon. Minister some specific instances or some specific cases where

this kind of work is being done in India? Could he mention some specific services?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He has already given the answer.

Shri Asoka Mehta: I have said that after all, it is for Government to decide; I have said that this is an inter-governmental body. Government feel that this amount that we contribute is worth the return that we are getting in the nature of the pooled experiences that we are receiving. Here, the judgment of Government has to be accepted.

श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : अभी माननीय मंत्री जी ने बताया कि आठ देशों के वालंटियर्स यहां हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इन आठ देशों के वालंटियर्स जो यहां हैं उनकी संख्या क्या है ?

Shri Asoka Mehta: There are 700 volunteers from the United States, 62 from Britain, 32 from Canada, 57 from Germany and 10 from the Netherlands; there are Danish and Swedish volunteers also, but I have not got their number with me. Some from Japan are coming.

श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : इन का काम क्या है ?

Shri Asoka Mehta: They are: food production and allied programmes, rural public health, school teaching, especially science and youth work, small industry, consumer co-operatives, urban community action, etc. On all these, I think the Planning Commission has placed a report on the Table of the House long back.

श्री बड़े : आपने अभी बताया कि प्लानिंग कमीशन से काफी पैसा दिया जाता है, मैं पूछना चाहत हूँ कि आज तक उन को कितना पैसा दिया गया तथा उस संस्था के लोग कितने और कब से काम कर रहे हैं। क्या एटम बम्ब भारत में बन रहा है, इस प्रकार की रिपोर्ट इन लोगों ने अमरीका को दी हुई है।

श्री अशोक मेहता : 4500 डालर सालाना देते हैं।

श्री बड़े : कब से देते हैं ?

श्री अशोक मेहता : तीन-चार साल से हम लोग इस के मेम्बर होंगे, मुझे ठीक पता नहीं है, एकजैकट फिगर में ले कर दे सकता हूँ।

Shri Gauri Shankar Kakkar: May I know from the hon. Minister the tangible and specific results as a result of this pooled information which it would not have been possible for us to have with our own means ?

Shri Asoka Mehta: As I have pointed out already, here are various countries working in different countries, and various countries have got volunteers working in their own countries also. The Governments of 40 countries have come together to pool their experiences. If hon. Members want to know what concrete experiences have been pooled up, I shall ask them to produce the report and then place it before the House.

Shri S. Kandappan: Let him please do so.

Shri Asoka Mehta: But the point is that this is the kind of work that this secretariat has been doing. The Governments of 40 countries have thought it worth their while that this experience is worth analysing so that concrete conclusions could be drawn from it.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Shrimati Vimla Deshmukh.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आप से व्यवस्था चाहता हूँ। मेरे प्रश्न का उत्तर नहीं आया है। मैंने पूछा है कि उसके अन्दर भारत सरकार कितना खर्चा कर रही है ?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Order, order. Please sit down.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : आप मुझे इजाजत नहीं देते। सीधा सादा प्रश्न है। मेरे प्रश्न पूछने का उद्देश्य यह है

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : आर्डर, आर्डर।

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, क्या आप को हिन्दी समझ में नहीं आती है ?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Please do not disturb now. आप बैठिये।

Shrimati Vimla Deshmukh: How many out of these volunteers are for girls, and what particular type of work are these volunteers doing ?

Shri Asoka Mehta: I require notice.

रेलवे प्रशासन द्वारा रखे गये अनियत मजदूरों को दी जाने वाली मजूरी

S.N.Q.31. श्री तिहासन सिंह :

श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद :

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श्री स० चं० रामन्त :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की वृत्ता करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे प्रशासन अनियत मजदूर रखता है परन्तु उन्हें जो मजूरी दी जाती है वह मजूरी की वर्तमान दरों से बहुत कम है;

(ख) रेलवे के विभिन्न प्रशासनों में अनियत मजदूरों को दी जाने वाली मजूरी का पृथक-पृथक व्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि अनियत मजदूर इतनी कम मजूरी पर केवल इस आशा में काम करते हैं कि छः मास के बाद उन्हें