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[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

मई-जून 1966 में वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री की
विदेश यात्रा

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क्या वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की
कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उन्होंने मई
और जून, 1966 में फ्रांस और अन्य देशों

की यात्रा की थी ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस यात्रा का क्या
उद्देश्य था और उन देशों में किन विषयों पर
क्या बातचीत हुई?

The Minister of External Affairs
(Shri Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir, I
visited France and U.K. in May-June,
1966.

(b) The purpose of the visit to Paris
was to hold talks with the French
Foreign Minister in pursuance of the
agreement between the two countries
to have regular consultations. In Paris
we had a wide range discussions on the
international situation and on bilateral
relations.

After Paris I visited London from
3rd to 5th June to have discussions
with the British Government leaders
on matters of mutual interest.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : राजनीति के
गूढ़ सिद्धांतों को ध्यान में रखते हुए कभी भी
राजा या उसका मंत्री दूसरे देशों में तब तक
नहीं जाता है जब तक कि उसको अपने राज-
दूत से यह पता न चले कि हमारे देश का फलां
फलां हित उसके देश में जाने से होगा तो मैं
जानना चाहता हूँ कि मंत्री जी ने कहाँ तक
अपने राजदूत को कंसल्ट किया था और
जाने के बाद में भारत के हित में कौन कौन
से काम किए गए ?

Shri Swaran Singh: The Indian
Ambassador in Paris and the Indian
High Commissioner in London were
fully consulted before these visits to
Paris and London were undertaken.

As I have indicated, we have agreed
to have frequent consultations with
leaders of France on matters bilateral
and also on the international situation.
On the last occasion, there was such a

discussion in India and this time we were invited by the French Government to have discussions in Paris.

Having gone so near the United Kingdom, I did want to have a discussion with the British leaders. Except for the last visit at the time of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference when conference matters were generally discussed, I did not have any opportunity to discuss matters, and, therefore, I undertook a three-day visit to London also.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : यह देखने का कि फ्रांस हमसे इन्डिफरेंट है, चीन के नजदीक फ्रांस ज्यादा है और पिछली लड़ाई में इंग्लैंड हमारे खिलाफ था, तो इन बातों को ध्यान में रखते हुए हमारे मंत्री जी ने इन दोनों देशों के अधिकारियों से जो बातचीत की, उस से कहां तक वह हमारे नजदीक आये, इस में हमको कितनी सफलता मिली ?

Shri Swaran Singh: I would very strongly repel the suggestion that the French attitude towards us is indifferent. In fact, the French attitude to us is very friendly, and on various matters including the assessment of Chinese designs and Chinese policy there is a very large measure of identity between the French view and the Indian view.

It is true that our relations with the United Kingdom, particularly after the last Indo-Pakistan conflict were under considerable strain, but after the last talk that our Prime Minister had with Prime Minister Wilson in London some months ago, I did notice that there was a greater understanding of our position even in the British circles, and the talks that I had also gave me an opportunity to clarify our stand and to say categorically how we felt on certain matters.

Shri Shankre: Clarify our stand?

Mr. Speaker: Yes, that is what he has said.

श्री क० ना० तिवारी : मंत्री महोदय ने यह कहा है कि फ्रांस और यू० के० दोनों देशों में वह गए। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि बहुत से आर्म्स अभी नामालूम में और दूसरी जगहों में फ्रांस के पकड़े गए हैं और जो एम्प्री-मेंट यू० के० के साथ में हुआ था मिलिटरी सप्लाय का उस को भी अभी तक वह बन्द किए हुए हैं तो इन विषयों पर भी बातें हुई या नहीं और हुई तो इन का क्या रिजल्ट रहा ?

Shri Swaran Singh: It is true that some arms that have been captured or recovered from the Nagas are of foreign make, but I am unable to say more about it. Perhaps, my colleague, the Defence Minister who is here, may be able to throw some light on it.

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): I think I had mentioned this matter on the floor of the House that one French weapon had been found, and I had personally taken up that matter with the French Ambassador here.

श्री क० ना० तिवारी : मेरा जवाब नहीं मिला। यू० के० वाला जो मैंने पूछा था।

Shri Swaran Singh: I did not have any talk about military supplies because the Defence Ministry is dealing with that matter.

डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया : पैसों की कमी और विशेषकर के विदेशी मुद्रा की कमी के कारण मैं यह सवाल पूछ रहा हूँ। क्या यह सही है कि जब विदेश मंत्री जी फ्रांस में थे उसी समय यहाँ से एक और माननीय मंत्री काबीना के सांस्कृतिक समझौते पर दस्तखत करने के लिए पेरिस गए और अगर यह सही है तो क्या मंत्री जी मुनासिब नहीं समझते कि ऐसा काम वहाँ के राजदूत ही कर डाला करें, वहाँ विदेश मंत्री और शिक्षा मंत्री के जाने की जरूरत नहीं है ?

Shri Swaran Singh: I have indicated that I had gone there for a

specific purpose, to have consultations about which there was an earlier agreement between the Government of France and India. It is true that some of the agreements can be signed by the ambassadors also, but the one signed by our Education Minister in Paris had special significance, and he during his visit not only signed the agreement but had very useful and important discussions about matters which are of great interest to us.

डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया : अध्यक्ष महोदय, विदेश मंत्री को एक सिद्धांत के सवाल पर जबाब देना चाहिए। यह वहां थे। अगर मान लीजिए राजदूत नहीं तो इन्होंने खुद क्यों नहीं दस्तखत किये ? इतना पैसा क्यों बर्बाद किया जाता है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आर्डर। अब उन्होंने जल्दी समझा ...

डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया : तो जबाब तो होना चाहिए।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मैं इन में दखल नहीं दे सकता। गवर्नमेंट अगर समझती है तो गवर्नमेंट रेस्पॉसिबिल है इसके लिए।

श्री विद्यनाथ पांडेय : अभी मंत्री महोदय ने बताया है कि फ्रांस में ग्रीर इंग्लैंड में जब वह गए तो वहां के विदेश मंत्री से ग्रीर सरकार से अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्थिति के विषय में भी परामर्श किया। तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जब वहां अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्थिति के संबंध में विचार विमर्श किया तो पाकिस्तान जो ताशकंद समझौते की अवहेलना कर रहा है ग्रीर चान परमाणु बम बना रहा है और विस्फोट कर रहा है, क्या इसके संबंध में भी विदेश मंत्री महोदय ने परामर्श किया और किया तो दोनों सरकारों की क्या प्रतिक्रिया रही ?

Shri Swaran Singh: Naturally both these matters which are of great importance and significance to us did come up for discussion both in Paris and in London.

श्री विद्यनाथ पांडेय : उन की प्रतिक्रिया क्या रही ?

Shri Swaran Singh: It is very difficult to give details of the talks.

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा (कोटा) : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो आप ने ब्रिटेन और फ्रांस की यात्रा की है, ब्रिटेन खुल्लमखुल्ला पाकिस्तान को हथियार दे रहा है और पाकिस्तान की मदद कर रहा है, तो क्या इसके बारे में भी आपने बात चीत की और की है तो क्या सारांश निकला है, उस को सामान देने के लिए हाँ किया है या नाँ किया है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह तो घा चुका है ?

Shri Swaran Singh: This has already been answered.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: During his talks with the French Foreign Minister, did the hon. Minister make any mention about the future of the test ban treaty and nuclear free zone? If so, what was the reaction of the French Foreign Minister and the French Government?

Shri Swaran Singh: The House is, no doubt, aware that France is not a signatory to the partial nuclear test ban treaty. They are continuing to adopt this policy and have not altered it.

Shri D. C. Sharma: I am very glad that our country has arrived at an agreement with France for bilateral discussions and I was also glad that our hon. Minister visited that country recently. During his visit to France and UK, was he able to discuss a very live and burning issue which is agitating the mind of the whole world, the issue of Vietnam, and if so, what was the reaction of the French Government to the issue of Vietnam, and also the reaction of the U.K. Government to Vietnam?

Shri Swaran Singh: Vietnam was discussed both in France as well as in England, and the French assessment of the situation in Vietnam is almost identical to the assessment that we have of the Vietnam situation. The French, however, have been taking for some time the view that the present time is not an opportune time for making any worthwhile or significant peace move. The British attitude in this respect does not coincide with ours, and I took the opportunity to exchange views, but that difference of approach to the Vietnam problem between the Indian stand and the British stand remains.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: May I know in what respects the hon. Minister, during his visit to the United Kingdom found that the British Government has now got, as he said, a better appreciation of our stand during the hostilities with Pakistan? On what points did he find that the U.K. has changed its views now compared with the views it held at that time?

Shri Swaran Singh: They tried to explain the various circumstances that prevailed including the statements made by them, and we pointed out how in certain respects the attitude that they had taken was not correct, and in certain cases they admitted that they did not have before them the overall picture when they put forward certain statements.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: This is not my question. I asked on what specific matters they have changed their attitude. This is a general reply which has always been given. Why did he say this in the original statement?

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether the question relating to India's relations with the European Common Market was discussed, and if so, what are the specific aspects, and with what results?

Shri Swaran Singh: This was also discussed because we had the economic expert also with us.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Could the hon. Minister appreciate and assess the obvious feeling in France like other continental countries that the Indian stand could not be appreciated better because of our relation with the Commonwealth and with the British?

Shri Swaran Singh: I think there is now greater appreciation of the position that notwithstanding our membership of the Commonwealth we look to other countries to understand their viewpoint and to explain our viewpoint.

Economic Aid Programme for Afghanistan

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*570. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**

Shri Subodh Hansda:

Shri S. C. Samanta:

Shri Madhu Limaye:

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a five-year economic aid programme for Afghanistan; and

(b) if so, when the agreement will be finalised and signed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a), No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However an Indian Delegation led by the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs visited Afghanistan recently with a view to increasing technical and economic cooperation between the two countries. The Delegation finalised with the Royal Afghan Government the terms and conditions of the construction of a 100-Bed Children's Hospital in Kabul.

Other avenues of cooperation between India and Afghanistan were also explored and various requests received and suggestions made are now under examination. These include supply of agricultural equipment and implements, the deputation of experts from India, the undertaking of a survey,