

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): If I may supplement it, the suggested insinuation in the question that the Burmese Government is in any way encouraging them is absolutely incorrect. We have got the best of relations with the Government of Burma and there has been complete co-operation and understanding between us and the Government of Burma.

Shri Ranga: May I know whether during the latest talks the Government have assured themselves of the co-operation and active assistance and advice of the present Chief Minister, Shri Angami and the ex-Chief Minister, Shri Shilu Ao? Are they trying to be in touch with both of them continuously in regard to this particular matter of the negotiations with the rebel Nagas?

Shri Dinesh Singh: The Nagaland Government is in touch with us very closely and the Chief Minister was here during the talks. We are in very close touch with them.

Shri Ranga: What about the ex-Chief Minister, Shilu Ao? Are they seeking his co-operation or not? There are two or three tribes and both of them are leaders of two different tribes; we should be able to assure ourselves of their co-operation.

Shri Dinesh Singh: We have the co-operation of the former Chief Minister also.

Shri Swell: Last time when the delegation of the rebel Nagas came here and had talks with the Prime Minister, reports which were supposed to emanate from official circles indicated that the talks were progressing satisfactorily, but the leader of this delegation, Mr. Kughato Sukhai, went to Calcutta the next morning and said that the talks had reached a deadlock. I would like to know which of these views is nearer the truth. Mr. Kughato Sukhai had also issued a 14-point memorandum. I would like to know whether this Government is

issuing any statement clarifying those points raised by Mr. Kughato Sukhai.

Shri Dinesh Singh: The underground Naga delegation has gone back to consult their colleagues and to that extent, as I said earlier, the talks had gone on. It is for them to go back, consult their colleagues and let us know. If the talks continue, obviously they have gone on satisfactorily; but if the talks do not continue, then of course there will be a deadlock. So far as the other question that the hon. Member asked about the 14-point memorandum is concerned, it is true that a note was handed over to the Prime Minister by Mr. Kughato Sukhai. We did not go into it because that related largely to the past and we said that what mattered most was our present association and any future adjustments that may be necessary.

Shri Swell: The Minister has entirely evaded my question. I had asked which of the contradictory points of view was nearer the truth and, secondly, whether the Government was issuing any statement to clarify the points raised by Mr. Kughato Sukhai. This House is not any better enlightened by this evasive answer given by the Minister. We are entitled to better answers.

Shri Dinesh Singh: My difficulty is that hon. Members only listen to one side. I had said at the very beginning that we shall be making a statement. I do not know what else I shall say.

Foreign Minister's Speech in Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference

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- *124. **Shri Shree Natayan Das:**
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Daji:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri D. J. Naik:
Shri Kishen Pattnayak:
Shri Madhu Limaye:

Will the Minister of External

Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news-item in the *Times of India* of the 10th September, 1966 under the heading "Morning Papers Ignore Indian Minister's speech" and whether it is a fact that British Press deliberately blacked out or played down his speech at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference on the 8th September, 1966 at the behest of the British Government; and

(b) if so, whether this question has been taken up with the U.K. Government?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to the news item but the news is not wholly correct. Some of the London newspapers did carry a summary of the speech and even made appreciative comments on the points made in it. Texts of speeches made at the Conference are not available to the Press as the proceedings of the Conference are not made public.

(b) No, Sir.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: The hon. Minister has said that the news published was not wholly correct. I would like to know the extent of publicity that his speech should have got and which it did not get.

Shri Dinesh Singh: How much publicity it should have got is very difficult for me to say but it did get all the publicity in this country where people are terribly interested in what our Foreign Minister says.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: What was the precise fact in the speech of the Minister which seemed to be unpalatable to the British press?

Shri Dinesh Singh: I am not quite sure of the question.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या हमारे विदेश मंत्री जी को खुद यह शिकायत है कि उनका पूरा भाषण नहीं छपा है। अगर उनको खुद शिकायत है तो इसके निराकरण के लिये उन्होंने क्या किया।

वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री स्वर्ण सिंह) : दूसरे देश के प्रेस में मेरी तकरीर का कौन सा हिस्सा नहीं छपता है और कौन सा हिस्सा छपता है, इससे मुझे कोई परेशानी नहीं है जब तक हमारे अपने देश में उसकी जानकारी हो।

श्री इन्द्रजीत गुप्त : हम लोगों को परेशानी होती है।

श्री स्वर्ण सिंह : आप की परेशानी जायज है। मगर दूसरे देश की जो नीति होती है प्रेस पर भी उसका असर होता है। रोडीशिया के मुताल्लिक जो वहां पर हमारा काम था उसमें काफी जजबा ऐसा था वहां पर कि जो बातें हम कहते थे वह सब को बहुत अच्छी नहीं लगती थी।

श्री किशन पटनायक : क्या यह सही है कि रोडीशिया के सवाल पर भारतीय प्रतिनिधियों का जो माइग्रेट रुख था, उस पर ब्रिटिश सरकार ने भारतीय प्रतिनिधियों को बघाई दी थी जब कि काले देशों का असन्तोष उनको चुभता नहीं है, किसी गोरी सरकार की बघाई उनको उच्छ्वसित करती है।

श्री दिनेश सिंह : बघाई तो जहां से भी आये उसमें कोई ऐतराज की बात नहीं होनी चाहिये। लेकिन जहां तक सवाल इसका है कि हम लोगों के कितने अच्छे सम्बन्ध अफ्रीकन से थे वह इसी से जाहिर है कि उन लोगों ने खुद हमारे विदेश मंत्री को अपना स्पोक्समैन चुना और वह कहते रहे कि वह उनकी बातों को सामने रखें।

Mr. Speaker: Shri Indrajit Gupta.

Shri D. C. Sharma: On a point of clarification. Can the hon. Minister of State tell me whether he was present at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference... .. (Interruptions.)

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. I have called Shri Indrajit Gupta.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: It was reported in the press that at the end of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference our Foreign Minister had stated in London that, in his opinion, the Commonwealth had emerged from this Conference stronger than ever before. In view of the fact that we know that this Conference came very near the breaking point on the issue of Rhodesia and all the African States were threatening that they will leave the Commonwealth, does this press report correspond really to the assessment of our Foreign Minister that the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference emerged stronger than ever before from this Conference?

Shri Dinesh Singh: The hon. Member has himself mentioned that the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference very nearly broke up and yet it survived. That itself is the renewal of the strength of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Hem Barua.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: He had stated that it emerged stronger than ever before.

Shri Nath Pal: What is the latest official assessment from what Raja Dinesh Singh stated just now and what Sardar Swaran Singh had stated? What is the latest assessment of the Government?

Mr. Speaker: Shri Hem Barua.

Shri Hem Barua: Is the Government aware of the fact that there is a group of newspapers in England who are politically hostile to Indian aspirations and, if so, may I know whether Government thinks that some of the predecessors have not forgiven us being free?

Mr. Speaker: It is difficult to answer. Next Question.

Shri Hem Barua: What is the reply, Sir?

Mr. Speaker: It is difficult to reply.

Statement by Indonesian Ambassador to Pakistan

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*125. **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**
Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:
Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Dr. M. M. Das:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the statement made by the Indonesian Ambassador to Pakistan at Karachi on the 10th September, 1966 that Indonesia still supported Pakistan on the Kashmir issue;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to make the stand of India abundantly clear to Indonesia in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has seen a press report that the late Indonesian Ambassador to Pakistan had, after presentation of his credentials, stated, "Our stand on Kashmir is still unchanged despite the recent changes in the Indonesian Government" and reaffirmed that Indonesia still abided by the Joint Communiqué issued after the talks between Mr. Bhutto and Mr. Adam Malik.

(b) and (c). India's stands on Kashmir and Indo-Pakistan relations were re-emphasized to the Indonesian Foreign Minister, Mr. Adam Malik, during his visit to India in September last. The Indonesian Government's views on this issue were indicated in