

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

the following sentence in the Joint Communique issued at the end of Mr. Malik's visit to India:

"The Foreign Minister of Indonesia expressed the hope that the outstanding problems between India and Pakistan would be solved through peaceful negotiations for which the Tashkent Declaration provided a basis."

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: On a point of clarification, Sir. The name of the Indonesian Foreign Minister should be pronounced as आदम मलिक and not as ऐडम मलिक

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: May I know whether the statement of the Foreign Minister of Indonesia to the effect that India and Pakistan should settle their disputes on Kashmir in accordance with the wishes of the people of Kashmir falls in line with the persistent demand of Pakistan for plebiscite?

Shri Dinesh Singh: First of all, I would like to accept the correction of the hon. Member. If that is correct, I have no hesitation in accepting that.

So far as the question of the hon. Member is concerned, it is true that, as reported in the press, the Foreign Minister did talk of the wishes of the people of Kashmir. But that is not what is stated in the statement here nor is it what he said before he left his own country. It is reported in the news. Possibly, this is one more Pakistani addition.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: May I know to what extent the rapprochement between Pakistan and Indonesia is influenced by the Pan-Islamic alliance sponsored by the King of Saudi Arabia?

Shri Dinesh Singh: We are not aware of any Pan-Islamic alliance as such.

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : जो वाक्य श्री राज्य-मंत्री जी ने पढ़ कर सुनाया है इंडोनेशिया
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के विदेश मंत्री का उससे यह जाहिर नहीं होता है कि इंडोनेशिया भारत का इस मामले में समर्थन करता है। उससे केवल यही जाहिर होता है कि शान्तिपूर्ण ढंग से भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच की समस्याएँ हल हो जायें। पाकिस्तान में जो इंडोनेशिया के राजदूत हैं उन्होंने पाकिस्तान के राजप्रमुख को जो यह कहा है कि इंडोनेशिया काश्मीर पर पाकिस्तान का समर्थन करता है इसके सम्बन्ध में इंडोनेशिया सरकार से भारत सरकार को क्या कोई आश्वासन मिला है कि उसका वैसा रुख नहीं है और इंडोनेशिया काश्मीर के मामले में भारत के साथ है ?

श्री विनेश सिंह : अभी मैंने कहा है कि जो स्टेटमेंट वहाँ के राजदूत ने किया था वह जरा बहुत साफ नहीं है। जहाँ तक उस जवायंट कम्युनिक का सम्बन्ध है जोकि मि० भुट्टो और मि० आदम मलिक के बीच हुई बातचीत के बाद जारी हुआ था उसमें भी कोई यह नहीं लिखा है कि पाकिस्तान को वह स्पॉट करते हैं। और यहाँ पर जो कहा है वह यही कि वह चाहते हैं कि शांतिपूर्ण ढंग से मामला तय हो जाये। उसी का मैंने हवाला दिया है।

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : क्या यह जाहिर होता है कि इंडोनेशिया भारत का समर्थन करता है? इसका उत्तर नहीं आया है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : भारत का समर्थन करता है या नहीं यह दूसरा सवाल है।

Shri Subodh Hansda: In his statement it was said that this is perhaps another addition of Pakistan's news item. If that is so, I would like to know whether the Government have drawn the attention of the Indonesian Government to the Pakistani news item, i.e., that this is another addition of Pakistan's news item.

Shri Dinesh Singh: We are awaiting the full statement.

Dr. M. M. Das: As the home as well as foreign policies of Indonesia are very flexible, do Government think that there might be some change, especially in the policy of Indonesia regarding Kashmir, in the near future?

Shri Dinesh Singh: It is difficult for me to answer hypothetically.

Shri P. C. Borooah: Do Government have any proposal to send any delegation to Indonesia in return to their sending one to India and bring home our stand on Kashmir?

Shri Dinesh Singh: It is a suggestion for action.

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : मंत्री महोदय ने कहा है कि इंडोनेशिया के मंत्री के वक्तव्य से यह जान नहीं पड़ता है कि पाकिस्तान के पक्ष में वह है काश्मीरके मामले को लेकर। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उनके वक्तव्य का क्या भाव था ? क्या इंडोनेशिया का भाव है कि काश्मीर पर भारत का अधिकार है यदि नहीं तो क्या आप ने उनको सम्झाने की कोशिश की है कि काश्मीर पर हमारा अधिकार इन इन कारणों से होना चाहिये ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय: यह सवाल दूसरा है।

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : मेरे प्रश्न का उत्तर तो दिलवाइये।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मैंने द्विवेदी जी का सवाल भी इसी बेसिस पर नामंजूर किया था। उन्होंने भी यही कहा था कि भारत के साथ है।

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : दूसरे भाग का तो उत्तर दिया जाये।

Dr. Ranen Sen: Is the Government aware that, after the change of Government in Indonesia, the present Government has taken a stiffer stand with regard to India vis-a-vis Pakistan and, if so, what steps have Government taken to improve the relations with Indonesia?

Shri Dinesh Singh: It is not our assessment that they have taken a stiffer line.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know if it is not a fact that in the latest joint communique issued by the Foreign Minister of Pakistan and the Foreign Minister of Indonesia, they have described Kashmir as a disputed territory and they have rather offered a suggestion for the honourable and peaceful solution of the Kashmir dispute which we do not call a dispute, and if so, how can he say that there is no shift in the policy of Indonesia? They are trying to be friendly with us and they have been trying to be friendly with them also.

Shri Dinesh Singh: As I said, we are awaiting the correct text of the statement.

Bombing of Demilitarised Zone in Vietnam

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Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Dr. Ranen Sen:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the North Vietnam Government had sent a protest to the International Control Commission on Vietnam against U.S. bombing of demilitarised Zone in September, 1966;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto in India's capacity as Chairman of the International Control Commission; and

(c) the efforts made to bring the two sides in Vietnam to the conference table and the results achieved thereby so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India have been anxious to see that the buffer