

exports keep pace. There is no proposal to scale down the production target.

Shri A. K. Gopalan: Is it a fact that ore has accumulated in several places in the mining area because of non-purchase by the STC? If so, what are the reasons thereof?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): It is admitted that here and there some ores are lying undisposed of. There are several causes for that. Sometimes there is imbalance in the movement of wagons and at others, there is not quick action by STC to remove the iron ore. All these questions are receiving the active consideration of Government. I do not think there will be much surplus lying undisposed of in the mine areas.

Shri A. K. Gopalan: What is the amount ear-marked for mechanisation and is it in keeping with the demand for mechanisation? If not, what steps are taken to meet this demand?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: If the hon. Member tables a separate question with regard to the general mechanisation schemes of Government as regards iron ore mines, I will be able to answer.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

Indians Injured in Nepal Forces Clash with Rebels

S.N.Q. No. 18. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**
Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India's attention has been drawn to news-item appearing in the *Times of India* dated the 11th June, 1962 under the caption "12 Reported Injured—Nepal Forces Clash with Rebels";

(b) whether it is a fact that three labourers working in a jungle on the Indian side of the border were in-

jured by stray bullets and that they were taken to Bettiah Hospital; and

(c) if so, what further precautionary measures Government propose to take to guard Indian border from clashes of Nepal Forces and Nepal rebels?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One Indian national, working as a labourer on the Indian side of the border, was injured by a stray bullet. He was taken to Bettiah Hospital, where he is receiving treatment.

(c) The State Governments concerned have posted additional armed police where necessary, and steps have also been taken to maintain strict vigilance on the Indo-Nepal border.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या यह सही है कि जब से नेपाली कांग्रेस का झण्डा हुआ है तब से तीन बार यह लोग चम्पारन जिले में भद्रापुर थाने में घुस गये, यह दूसरा वाक्या है, और रक्सौल में एक मकान में विस्फोट हो गया है जिस में वहाँ के लोगों को चोट लगी और वहाँ भय हो गया है। क्या इसे देखते हुए केन्द्रीय बार्डर की सुरक्षा का प्रबन्ध करेगी ?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा वंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री तथा अणु शक्ति मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : कोई खास हादसा नहीं हुआ और कोई भय की बात नहीं है। एक गोली चल जाय तो लोगों को डरना नहीं चाहिये।

श्री प्रिय गुप्त : डर नहीं है तो आप क्या करेंगे ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : मैं क्या करूंगा ? दो आदमी लड़ रहे हैं आपस में तो उम को रोकेंगे लड़ने से, अगर हमारी जमीन पर है। लेकिन यह वाक्या हुआ नेपाल की जमीन पर। वहाँ एक दूसरे पर गोली चलाने से एक गोली, एक स्ट्रे बलेट कहा है, वह सरहद

के इस पार आई और एक आदमी के लग गई। हम ने इतराज किया है कि यह नहीं होना चाहिये, अगर आप लोगों को गोली चलानी हो तो समझ कर चलानी चाहिये। लेकिन इस में चम्पारन जिले में कोई तहलका मच जाय, यह मेरी समझ में नहीं आता है।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या स्टेट गवर्नमेंट में इतने बड़े नेपाली बार्डर को गार्ड करने की ताकत है या केन्द्रीय सरकार उस को कुछ मदद करने के लिये तैयार है ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : गार्ड करने की ताकत उन में है। लेकिन जैसे माननीय होम मिनिस्टर ने कहा था, गार्ड इस तरह से नहीं होता कि एक एक गज पर एक आदमी खड़ा रहे, कोई हमला उस पर नहीं हो रहा है। दो आदमी या दो छोटे गिरोह लड़ने लगते हैं बीच में, तो उन को रोका जाता है जहां तक हो सकता है, लेकिन थोड़ी देर वह लड़ लेते हैं।

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that this is not the first time that an incident of this sort has occurred—on previous occasions also, Nepalese armed policemen entered our territory—and that this has been geared up by the vitriolic statements of Dr. Tulsi Giri,.....

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. He should put the question.

Shri Hem Barua:..... may I know whether the Government have taken steps to protect at least the vulnerable points in this Indo-Nepalese border?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Nothing here has happened in India. It has all happened in Nepal, except that a stray bullet has come across the border and hit somebody. I do not quite see what the hon. Member expects the Government to do except, of course, to point out to them that they should learn shooting straight.

Shri Hem Barua: May I submit that I am putting it against a wider per-

pective? There have been incidents of this kind before.

Mr. Speaker: He made a mistake in putting it against a wider perspective. The question is limited here.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Canteens for Government Employees

*1519. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to subsidise canteens for Government Employees; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated initial and recurring expenditure to be incurred on the scheme?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) Yes.

(b) The details are being worked out.

Practical Training Stipends to Engineering Graduates

*1522. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the practical training stipend scheme for fresh graduates in Engineering and other technical subjects has of late evoked very poor response; and

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to abandon the scheme?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). The Practical Training Stipend Scheme is still serving an useful purpose; so the question of abandoning the scheme does not arise.

Sale of Assets of Foreign Firms

*1524. **Shri Tyagi:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the general trend of foreign firms in India to sell their assets and shares to Indians; and