

if so, may know whether it is going to lead to a further deterioration of the Commonwealth relations?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): We have seen this particular statement in the Press. We have not received it directly. It appears that the Act will certainly have some effect on the Commonwealth. To what extent, it is rather difficult to say.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: May I know whether, if a declared Indian offender Shri Phizo goes to England and he is conferred British citizenship and he comes back to India, he remains a British citizen or he remains an Indian offender?

Mr. Speaker: These abstract questions cannot be asked.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: Shri Phizo, an Indian citizen, was declared an offender. He goes to England and there the British Government confers on him British citizenship. If he comes back to India, does he remain a British citizen or does he remain an Indian offender?

Mr. Speaker: These are questions which will have to be studied in detail. These are abstract questions which cannot be answered in this manner.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: If you look at the statement submitted, you will find that it is only in the New Delhi region that there has been a constant rise in the number of applications from month to month. In all the other regions, it is just the other way round. May I know what explains this situation?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: Because more people from the Punjab apply for passports from New Delhi, there is a large number.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: I wanted to know the reasons.

Mr. Speaker: More people from my State, namely Punjab, want to go there.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: I wanted to know why they want to go? This is no answer to my question, that because more people apply, therefore, the number is more. That is obvious.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Now, next question.

Indian Aid to Nepal

*1128. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the aid given to Nepal so far from 1952; and

(b) to what extent Indian aid has been utilised?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri D. Ering): (a) The total aid promised to Nepal for the period 1952—56 is of the order of Rs. 28.38 crores.

(b) The aid actually utilised amounts to Rs. 12.67 crores.

श्री बिभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो भारत ने नेपाल को सहायता दी है उसमें कौन कौन काम हुआ है, और अब तक कितना काम हुआ है और कितना होने को बाकी है ?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा बंधेशिक कार्य मंत्री तथा ग्रन्थ शक्ति मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : अब तक जो काम हो चुका है वह इस प्रकार है

1. त्रिभुवन राज पथ ४ करोड़ ४० लाख
2. नेपाल को एअर फोटोग्राफी एण्ड मैपिंग १ करोड़ ५० लाख
3. इरीगेशन, ड्रिपिंग वाटर सप्लाय, पावर ड्रेनेज १ करोड़ ४० लाख

४. सड़कें ८४ लाख
 ५. गाँवों को तरक्की ७७ लाख
 ६. लोकल डेवेलपमेंट २० लाख
 इसी किस्म के और भी हैं।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि नेपाल का तरक्की के लिये इतनी एड जो बी गयी है इसके अतिरिक्त और कितनी एड नेपाल सरकार ने भारत सरकार से मांगी है?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): The amount given is the aid till 1968.

Mr. Speaker: Have any other amounts been asked for?

श्री डा० एरिंग : बर्ड प्लान के बाद पूछ रहे हैं ?

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know the various agencies through which the aid is being utilised there?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: We have got our Aid Mission in Nepal.

Shri Hem Barua: Besides getting aid from India, Nepal is also getting aid from China. May I know whether we can interpret it as Nepal trying to get the best of both the worlds?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Nepal is getting aid from a number of countries including the USA, some from the Soviet Union, apart from the aid that she is getting from China and India.

Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: Has the aid been utilised specifically for the purposes for which it was given?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I believe so.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो भारत सरकार ने नेपाल में काम किया है वह एकले किया है या किसी दूसरे देश के साथ मिल कर पूरा किया है ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : वह जो ग्रान्त है, स्वतन्त्र है। मुझे ठीक याद नहीं लेकिन शायद सड़क बनाने में कुछ समझौता हुआ है एक और मुल्क के साथ।

News Regarding March of Chinese Troops into Ladakh

*1129. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Shri Mohammad Elias:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a news item was released by the French News Agency in India on the day of polling in North Bombay constituency during 1962 General Elections stating that the Chinese troops had marched into Ladakh with Soviet tanks etc.;

(b) whether this news was also released by Press Trust of India;

(c) whether this was subsequently withdrawn by the Agency;

(d) whether the Resident Correspondent of French News Agency in India, New Delhi confirmed this news before release from Government; and

(e) if not, action taken in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Yes, Sir. The *Agence France Presse* in a report from Gangtok (Sikkim) dated 24th February, 1962, stated that 30 Russian type tanks manufactured in People's China rolled out of Lhasa for an unknown destination. The report further said that it was thought that these tanks were despatched to the Ladakh region.

(b) Yes, Sir. The *Press Trust of India*, being the distribution agents of *Agence France Presse* within India, released the item to the Indian Press on their behalf.