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(c) whether this was subsequently withdrawn by the Agency;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

(c) The item was, however, withdrawn by the P.T.I. within an hour of its release as they sensed the patently unreliable nature of the report.

(d) The story was filed by a correspondent in Gangtok working for the *Agence France Presse* and was not cleared with the Government before its release.

(e) When the attention of the Ministry of External Affairs was drawn to the report, the official spokesman, at his press briefing, pointed out the obviously ridiculous nature of the report and said that no tank could undertake a journey of nearly 2000 miles through rugged and difficult terrain without completely wearing itself out. This statement had the desired effect in killing the story. Opportunity was also taken to impress on the *Agence France Presse* Representative in Delhi the need to check on all such stories with official sources before putting them out.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** I want to know whether Mr. Philip Mazar, the Correspondent in Delhi has once previously been warned for giving false and fabricated news and if so, whether he has been warned this time?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** He was warned this time; I do not know whether on a previous occasion he was warned.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** I want to know whether, when the PTI got this news item, they checked it up from the Government sources and if not, why?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** I have already stated in the main answer that it was not cleared from the Government.

**Shri Hem Barua:** In view of the fact that foreign papers such as the *New York Times*, *London Observer* and in the present case this news

service, indulge in certain political slants, may I know whether Government will institute a procedure of pre-censorship?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** No, Sir. Government does not like the idea of pre-censorship.

**Shri Hem Barua:** Because of these political slants which do much damage to the cause of our country.....

**Mr. Speaker:** He had asked a question and it has been answered.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** May I know whether this particular news was released just at the time of elections with a political motive and Government could contradict it only on 25th February, 1962?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** We do not know the motives but it was on the eve of the elections.

#### Labour Situation in Raniganj Coal Fields

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\*1130. { Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
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          { Shri Hem Barua:  
          { Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the tense and disturbed labour situation in the Raniganj Coal Fields; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to meet the situation?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman):** (a) A few cases of violence have taken place recently in some collieries in Raniganj Coal Fields; the situation in the area in general does not appear to be tense.