

**Shri Dasaratha Deb:** May I know whether any demarcation line has been drawn or a strict division has been made as to which area should be distributed among the tribal people and which among the non-tribal people?

**Shri Mehr Chand Khanna:** I may inform the hon Member that we are only having a road made. After the road has been made and the area reclaimed, the question will arise which area should be given to A and which to B.

**Wagon Assembly Factory,  
Visakhapatnam**

\*382. { **Shri R. J. Rao:**  
**Shri M. N. Singh:**

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

(a) whether the contract labour in the Visakhapatnam Wagon Assembly Factory, have gone on strike following the retrenchment of some of the workers;

(b) whether any efforts have been made towards conciliation, and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The Conciliation Officer (Central) Secunderabad had a number of meetings with the representatives of both parties, but no settlement could be arrived at. The Chief Labour Commissioner is making further attempts at conciliation and has invited the parties to meet him today.

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\*383. **Shri L. Achaw Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government allow non-officials to visit the North East Frontier Agency areas and study affairs there, and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri J.**

**N. Hazarika):** (a) and (b). Persons who do not habitually reside in the NEFA can visit the territory only under special permits. It has been considered necessary to impose this restriction because there is general lack of accommodation, transport, etc., in this area and without official assistance it is not easy to secure these. It is also necessary to take precautions against the exploitation of tribals by outsiders and interference with their normal life.

**Shri L. Achaw Singh:** May I know whether the 'iron curtain' policy of the Government will help towards better understanding between the tribal people and the neighbouring people, and whether it will also serve the interest of unity and solidarity of the country?

**Mr. Speaker:** It is a matter of opinion.

**Shri J. N. Hazarika:** There is no 'iron curtain' policy as such.

**Sri Hem Barua:** In view of the fact that a comprehensive Indian mind has yet to grow amongst the tribal population inhabiting the NEFA area because of the policy of isolationism pursued by the British rulers, may I know if Government are going to liquidate this artificial barrier by allowing closer contact between the people of the plains and the people of these hilly regions?

**Shri J. N. Hazarika:** Government are doing everything to establish closer contacts between the people of the hills and the people of the plains. These are the obvious reasons given earlier for which some restrictions have been imposed.

**Some Hon. Members rise—**

**Mr. Speaker:** These are questions of security. To avoid exploitation of these people, some kind of permits are granted. What is the use of asking further questions about this?

**Shri V. Eaju:** Does it mean that when a Minister refers to security, we cannot ask supplementaries?