

had also fully explained the position. The agitation on the language issue in Punjab has since been suspended.

Shri Vajpayee: May I know if Government have received certain proposals from the Hindi Raksha Samiti to settle the language dispute within the framework of the Regional Formula?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): I cannot say that any proposals for settling the dispute within the framework of the Regional Formula have been received.

Shri Vajpayee: Has the attention of Government been drawn to the remarks made by certain Akali leaders that they will have no objection if the study of Punjabi in Gurmukhi script is not made compulsory in the Hindi region of the Punjab State?

Pandit G. B. Pant: I will be happy if a settlement is reached between the Sikh and Hindu leaders.

Shri Vajpayee: My question has not been answered.

Mr. Speaker: That means he has not received it.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know on what assurances the agitation was suspended and what action is being taken to implement those assurances?

Pandit G. B. Pant: It would be somewhat embarrassing to those who withdrew the agitation. But there were no assurances given except that we all should live in terms of friendliness, and exercise as much of goodwill as we can towards each other.

श्री हेमराज : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि पंजाब का जो मामला है उस पर पार्लियामेंट की जो लैंग्वेज सब कमेटी बनाई गई है उस के अखीन विचार किया जायेगा या उस से ब्रह्माह्दा विचार किया जायेगा ?

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करने की, और बढ़ाने की जरूरत नहीं है ।

Raja Mahendra Pratap: Is it not the opinion of Government that this is no language question but only a caste or racial question?

Pandit G. B. Pant: Government are not expected to express their opinions here.

Shri Vajpayee: May I know if the people of the Punjab will be allowed the option to write the Punjabi language in Devnagari script also?

Pandit G. B. Pant: They as well as the Government are expected to abide by the provisions of the Regional Formula. Whatever is permissible under that formula is certainly permissible; as regards what is not permissible, a change can be made only with the consent of the parties.

Visit of U.S. Army Chief of Staff

*623. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U.S. Army Chief of Staff visited India recently on the invitation of the Government of India; and

(b) if so, whether he has suggested any methods for the modernisation of the Indian Army?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence (Shri Fatesingh-
rao Gaekwad):** (a) Yes, in January 1958 for three days.

(b) No, Sir.

Shri Raghunath Singh: Has he expressed any opinion that without atomic weapons, our Indian Army cannot be a modern Army?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramiah): To our knowledge, no such discussions have taken place.

Shri Goray: Is it the usual practice for such high dignitaries who visit India to express their opinions about our Army?

Mr. Speaker: That is a matter of opinion.

Shri Raghuramiah: It was really a courtesy visit. Mere informal conversations took place, nothing of very serious import.

Second Five Year Plan

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*624 { **Shri Heda:**
Shri Damani:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the names of the projects included in the 'Core of the Second Five Year Plan' for which foreign exchange has been arranged fully or partially;

(b) the projects in public sector for which foreign exchange is being arranged; and

(c) the total foreign exchange that was available in the last quarter of 1957?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 4]

Shri Heda: In reply to (b), it has been stated that it is not possible to supply the complete list of all the projects in the public sector for which foreign exchange has been arranged. May I know at least so far as the core of the Plan projects are concerned, what are the projects for which foreign exchange is already arranged?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: All those projects for which foreign exchange has been arranged wholly or partially are mentioned in the statement. The hon. Member has read it a little wrongly. He said 'has been arranged' whereas we have said 'is being arranged'. Therefore, we cannot give the information. They are being arranged.

Shri Damani: May I know what is the total provision of foreign exchange for the core of the Plan, and out of

it, how much is for the private sector and how much for the public sector?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: That is a very big question. But we can say that so far as the calculations that we have made are concerned, the total foreign exchange cost of the core of the Plan is expected to be Rs. 987 crores, of which a very small amount is for the private sector.

Shri Damani: According to the statement laid on the Table, there are three projects in the private sector. If other industries want to purchase capital goods on the basis of deferred payment or payment in rupees, will they be allowed or not?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: That obviously refers to projects outside the core. For projects outside the core, we follow the following principle: We have accepted or allocated some foreign exchange to only those projects for which foreign aid or assistance has been available or for those projects which have made considerable progress.

Shri C. D. Pande: Are Government aware that there is no distinction between the core, the hard core and the Plan itself, because the Prime Minister has stated that 95 per cent. of the Plan is the hard core, and therefore, no big scheme will be left out of the hard core?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: That is a matter of opinion. If we include food, replacements and maintenance of economy, certainly that will amount to 95 per cent.

Shri C. D. Pande: My question was different.

Mr. Speaker: That is what we read in the papers. That has been explained.

Shri Kasliwal: In what particular projects there is now a less likelihood of the utilisation of foreign exchange?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: That requires a lot of calculation. If the hon. Member wants to know about any specific project in which there is less likelihood