

**State Trading Corporation of India
(Private) Ltd.**

*45. **Shri Ansar Harvani:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation have received a large number of trade enquiries from Poland; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Several enquiries were received.

(b) Contracts for the export of 4,50,000 tons of Iron Ore and 54,000 pairs of shoes have been concluded.

Indo-Pakistan Border Incident

*46. { **Shri N. E. Munisamy:**
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Vajpayee:
Shri Radha Raman:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri B. S. Mnrthy:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan Police opened fire on a boat carrying Indian nationals near Dawki on the Indo-Pakistan (Assam-East Pakistan) border on the 4th January, 1958;

(b) if so, how many were injured by the firing;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan force and some Pakistani nationals crossed into Indian territory and took possession of the boat;

(d) whether the Government of India have lodged a protest; and

(e) whether any compensation has been paid by the Pakistan Government for the injury done to the Indian nationals?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) to (e). On 4th January, 1958 while an Indian national, Shri Roman

Marak of village Umsiem, United Khasi-Jaintia Hills, was coming to Dawki from Pyrdwah in a boat along the north bank (Indian side) of the Pyain river with his wife, children and father-in-law, four Pakistan Military personnel who were on the southern bank of the river challenged them and at the point of rifles asked them to stop the boat. As Shri Roman Marak did not stop the boat, the Pakistanis fired three rounds at the boat. The Indians in the boat escaped by jumping out and running away, leaving the boat at Khongwang ghat.

None of the Indians was injured or killed.

The Pakistanis immediately trespassed into Indian territory by crossing the river and took away the boat from Khongwang ghat.

Protests have been lodged both at District Officer and State Government levels. The Government of India have also directed the Indian High Commission in Karachi to lodge a protest with the Government of Pakistan.

No compensation has been paid by the Pakistan Government for the loss of the boat.

सेवा नमक

५७. श्री रा० स० तिवारी : क्या बालिग्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत में किन-किन जगहों से सेवा नमक संग्रहण किया जाता है ;

(ख) भारत में सेवा नमक की प्रति वर्ष कितनी मांग रहती है ; और

(ग) क्या भारत में सेवा नमक के निर्यातों की खोज करने के लिये कोई अनुसंधान किया गया है, यदि हाँ, तो यह किस स्थान में पाया गया है ?