

श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या यह सत्य है कि कुछ दिनों पहले दिल्ली राज्य के औद्योगिक सलाहकार बोर्ड ने इस बात की सिफारिश की थी कि दिल्ली में जो पयूअल की कमी है, उसे दूर करने के लिये इस तरह का प्लान्ट स्थापित किया जाय ? उसे क्यों रिजेक्ट किया गया ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : कई दफे इस बात को सोचा गया और देखा गया । पहले जो स्कीम आई थी वह बिल्कुल अनएकानमिक थी । दूसरी बार जो स्कीम आई वह दिल्ली शहर के लिये भी काफी नहीं थी । इस लिये कमेटी ने आखिर में जो राय दी वह यह थी कि ऐसी स्कीम बनाई जाय जो सारी दिल्ली को सर्व कर सके और प्राफिटेबल हो । ऐसी स्कीम बनेगी तो गवर्नमेंट उसे देखेगी ।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या ऐसी स्कीम बनाने के प्रश्न पर अभी भी विचार किया जा रहा है और कोई कदम उठाया जा रहा है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : दिल्ली एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन और सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट उस पर विचार कर रही है ।

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श्री स० म० बनर्जी :
श्री मोहन स्वरूप :
श्री त्रि० कु० चौधरी :
श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :
श्री वोडयार :
श्री वाजपेयी :
श्री कुन्हन :
श्री मोहम्मद इलियास :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिसम्बर, १९५७ के अन्तिम सप्ताह में काहिरा में हुए अफ्रीकी-एशियाई

एकता सम्मेलन में भारत के प्रतिनिधियों ने भी भाग लिया था ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या भारतीय प्रतिनिधियों के नामों की सूची सभा पटल पर रखी जायेगी ; और

(ग) सम्मेलन में भाग लेने के लिये इन व्यक्तियों को क्या-क्या सुविधायें तथा सहायता दी गई थी ?

वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री के सभा-सचिव (श्री सादत अली खाँ) : (क) और (ख). सम्मेलन का गैर-सरकारी स्वरूप होने के कारण, भारत सरकार का प्रतिनिधित्व इसमें नहीं हुआ । ऐसा समझा जाता है कि श्रीमती रामेश्वरी नेहरू के नेतृत्व में लगभग २५ सदस्यों के एक गैर-सरकारी शिष्टमंडल ने सम्मेलन में भाग लिया । भारत सरकार के पास प्रतिनिधियों के नामों की पूरी सूची नहीं है ।

(ग) भारत सरकार से किसी भी समय कोई विशेष सहायता या सुविधाएं नहीं मांगी गई और न कोई दी गई ।

Some hon. Members: In English also.

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: (a) and (b). The conference being an un-official one the Government of India was not represented at it. It is understood that an un-official delegation from India, consisting of about 25 members, headed by Mrs. Rameshwari Nehru participated in the conference. The Government of India have not a complete list of the names of the delegates.

(c) The Government of India were at no stage approached for any special assistance or facilities and none were given.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : चूंकि यह सम्मेलन अफ्रीका और एशिया की एकता के लिये बड़ा महत्वपूर्ण था, बल्कि इसी कारण इसको

नैर सरकारी बाइग सम्मेलन का नाम दिया गया था, इस लिये मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इसमें उचित कार के प्रतिनिधि जा सक इसलिये क्या सरकार ने हाथ बँटाने के लिये कोई कदम उठाया ?

Mr. Speaker: The name of Bandung was brought there.

प्रधान मंत्री श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : जो नही इस लिये कि इसका सरकार से कोई तात्लुक नही था । कोई दस बीस आदमी अगर कोई कानफरेस करे, भले काम के लिये करे, मुबारक हो उनको, लेकिन उसमें र्वनमेट ता नहा दोड़ जानो ओर वहा जाकर बैठ जाता ।

Shri Hem Barua: Are Government aware of the fact that the conference held at Cairo at unofficial level, as the Parliamentary Secretary has said, displayed a large measure of widening of the gaps between the Governments of the Pact countries and the delegates of the conference, and if so, are Government aware of the attitude adopted by our delegates there?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: We have seen some reports about their attitude. Naturally, we have received some reports about it, if that is what the hon. Member wants to know.

Shri Hem Barua: What was the attitude of our delegates there?

Shri Thirumala Rao: The Parliamentary Secretary was pleased to say that no special assistance was given to this delegation. Was any general assistance given by Government by way of providing travel facilities and foreign exchange to these delegates?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: So far as I am aware, the facilities of visas, passports etc. were given. Always, whenever any of our citizens go there, especially Members of Parliament or others, we inform our Mission abroad that they are going there, and they

should help them, regardless of what purpose they go for.

So far as foreign exchange was concerned, to the best of my recollection, no demand was made from us about foreign exchange.

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: May I know whether this conference had anything to do with the Afro-Asian group that was formed two years ago in the United Nations?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: No.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether in this non-official Afro-Asian conference, any Government officially participated?

Mr. Speaker: Any other Government.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I could not give a precise answer whether a Government participated. But I believe some Ministers from other countries participated, that is, some members of Government did. As to whether a Government officially participated or not, I do not know.

Shri Hem Barua: Is it a fact that Col Nasser addressed this conference?

Shri C. D. Pande: In view of the fact that most of the so-called representatives belonged to a particular school of thought, is it not proper that Government should dissociate themselves from the views expressed by those people?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: If I may answer the first question, so far as I know, President Nasser did not inaugurate the conference, but he gave a garden party to the delegates of the Conference.

If I may now answer the question asked by the other hon. Member, the question of association or dissociation does not arise. Many of the things that the conference said were in line with what we say and do; some of the things they said may not be in line. There is no question of dissociation that arises.

Shri Muhammed Elias: May I know whether Government have received copies of the resolution passed by the Afro-Asian conference, and if so, what their opinion on the resolution is?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: About the resolutions? I think we have received them. I do not know whether they are a full record, but we have received the main resolutions. I cannot give an answer about a large bundle of resolutions in this way. But I have just said that as a matter of fact, in many matters, they are in line with our thinking; in some matters, they are not.

Raja Mahendra Pratap: What is the impression of the Prime Minister on whether the small States of Europe like this idea of having an association of Asian and African States? Perhaps, they may be against it.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member may ask for facts.

Raja Mahendra Pratap: What does the Prime Minister think on whether the small States of Europe would like this meeting of the Asian and African peoples? They may be against it. But my idea of world federation brings them all together.

Mr. Speaker: In either case, what anybody thinks is not a subject-matter for questions here.

Cement Distribution

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Shri Radha Raman:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Heda:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Bishwanath Roy:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shri Damani:
Shri Shoba Ram:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared a new scheme for the distribution of cement; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). In view of the comparatively easier supply position of cement as a result of increase in indigenous production, the State Governments have been advised to increase the public quota to the extent possible and abolish the permit system for sale of cement by stockists to consumers.

Shri Ram Krishan: May I know the total revised quota under the new scheme State-wise?

Shri Manubhai Shah: If I give it State-wise, it will be too long a list. It is now 8,66,000 tons for a quarterly period.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know whether the instructions by the Central Government to do away with the permit system have been followed by all the States, and if not, the reason therefor?

Shri Manubhai Shah: As the hon. Member knows, the control of civil supplies is a State subject, and our advice is generally being looked into by the various State Governments. So many of the State Governments have already taken action, though it may not be complete abolition of the permit system.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: May I know whether any special arrangements for supply of cement to public institutions is under consideration, since there is great difficulty in getting it owing to some unusual practices followed by others?

Shri Manubhai Shah: There is no special system followed for public institutions, but I may say that with the easy supply position of cement, it should be much easier for them to get their cement requirements.

Shri Damani: May I know whether the manufacturers are permitted to distribute or sell direct to the consumers?

Shri Manubhai Shah: No.