

The question is whether any enquiries are being made from the USA

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** We do not make enquiries from Governments about such matters, but we try to take advantage of such sources as we have

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know whether it is a fact that Phizo's escape to Pakistan was made possible by the co-operation of some of the European planters on the Cachar border, and whether the documents that were seized by the Manipur police establish this fact?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I cannot say is it the question whether his visit to Pakistan was aided by some planters?

**Shri Hem Barua.** European planters

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I could not say that

**Mr Deputy-Speaker:** Have the Mampur police seized some documents which give that clue that he was aided by some planters?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I should not like to answer that question without finding out what the exact facts are

**Shri P C Borooah:** Is it a fact that Pakistan, in order to mislead India about Phizo's re-entry into the Naga hills, has made out this news?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I have not understood the question

**Mr Deputy-Speaker:** He himself put that question, and now that the answer is given, he goes back that that is not correct

#### Water Supply to Jharia Coal Fields

\*1738. **Shri P. C Bose:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a substantial amount of money was paid

to the Jharia Water Board several years back to augment the water supply to the Jharia Coal Fields;

(b) if so, the work done to arrange for the water supply so far,

(c) the cause of delay in completing the work, and

(d) the time by which the water supply is expected?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) to (d) The question will be answered by the Minister of Health on a subsequent date

#### India-Sikkim Road

\*1739 **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) the progress so far made in the construction of the India-Sikkim Road and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Chinese authorities in Tibet are constructing roads linking Tibet with Sikkim and India?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sdath Ali Khan):** (a) I presume Hon'ble Member is referring to Gangtok-Nathula Road which has already been completed and was formally opened on 17th September, 1958

(b) The Government of India have no definite information whether the Government of China are constructing a road to link it with the Gangtok-Nathula Road. So far as is known, no such construction has begun

**Shri Rameshwar Tantia.** May I know what has been the total expenditure on this road, and whether Sikkim has contributed some part?

**Shri Sadath Ali Khan:** The total expenditure involved up to the end of 1956-59 is about Rs 58 lakhs. The maintenance charges and the restoration of damages are estimated to cost about Rs 8 lakhs per annum.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Has Sikkim contributed anything?

**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** May I know whether heavy vehicles are allowed on this road?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** I do not think so, but I am not sure.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** What is his question? Shri Tantia may repeat it.

**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** I asked whether heavy vehicles will be allowed on this road.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** Although the road has been completed, some odd bits of work still remain, not on the road itself, but railings etc., because it is a very dangerous road, and normally speaking no heavy vehicles will be allowed. They can, of course, go there. There is no particular point in going there because the road ends there. They cannot go any further.

**Shri Kamal Singh:** May I know if the maintenance cost of Rs 5 lakhs is going to be borne by the Government of India?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** Yes, I suppose so.

#### Swedish Trade Delegation

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\*1741. { Shri Ayyakanan:  
Shri Khimji:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Swedish Trade Delegation has expressed its willingness to import a variety of products from India;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of our Government; and

(c) the main products likely to be exported from India?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):**

(a) to (c) The Swedish delegation explored the possibility of effecting larger imports into Sweden of items such as pharmaceuticals, toys, provisions, leather and textiles from India and Government extended necessary facilities to members of the delegation to establish contacts with export agencies and organisations in India.

#### Bandung Countries Economic and Co-operation Conference

\*1742 **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Ceylon has invited officials of four Countries—India, Pakistan, Burma and Indonesia—to meet in May next to prepare for Bandung Countries Economic and Co-operation Conference?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):** Yes. The Government of India have received a communication from the Government of Ceylon proposing a meeting of officials of the five Colombo countries in Ceylon on the 18th May to prepare for a later meeting of P.M.s of the Colombo countries who will finalise plans for Economic Conference of Bandung countries. The communication stated that invitations are also being extended to the Governments of Burma, Indonesia and Pakistan.

**Shri Raghunath Singh:** May I know when the meeting is scheduled?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** It has already been stated—18th May.

**Shri Kaaliwal:** May I know whether any tentative agenda has been framed for this purpose?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** There is an agenda for the meeting.