

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):
(a) A report to this effect has appeared in the Pakistan Press.

(b) An all-weather road to Gilgit will, by improving communication facilities between Pakistan and Gilgit area of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, increase Pakistan's striking power in Jammu and Kashmir and in that way increase tension in the area

Shri Wodeyar: Does the making of this road go in any way against the terms of the cease-fire agreement?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I do not follow the question

Mr. Speaker: Does the making of this road conflict with the terms of agreement entered into in regard to the cease-fire line?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: It conflicts in the sense—the basic fact—that Pakistanis are there; they should not be there.

श्री डॉ० म० तारिक श्रीमान्, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यह हकीकत है कि गिलगिट के लोगो को जो दरअसल हिन्दुस्तानी हैं और गैर कानूनी तौर पर पाकिस्तान के कब्जे में हैं, यह सड़क बनाने पर बेगार पर लगाया गया था और जिसके कि खिलाफ उन्होंने प्रोटेस्ट किया और उन्हें गोली का निशाना बनाया गया तो इस सिलसिले में आपने क्या कोई प्रोटेस्ट किया है ?

(شریمن - میں یہ جاننا چاہتا ہوں کہ کیا یہ حقیقت ہے کہ گلگت کے لوگوں کو جو دراصل ہندوستانی ہیں اور غیر قانونی طور پر پاکستان کے قبضہ میں ہیں - یہ سڑک بنانے پر بیگار پر لگایا گیا تھا اور جس کے خلاف انہوں نے پروٹیسٹ کیا اور انہیں گولی کا نشانہ بنایا گیا تو اس سلسلہ میں آپ نے کیا کو پروٹیسٹ کیا ہے ؟)

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू जी हां, कुछ बाकयात इस किस्म के हुए थे लेकिन मुझे उनकी तकसील याद नहीं है।

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: May I know if it has been brought to the notice of the hon. Prime Minister—the great prominence given in the U.S. Press regarding the building up of this road to Gilgit—and whether this road has been constructed largely out of the funds, material resources and technical know-how given to West Pakistan through military aid under U.S.-Pak Pact?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not know, Sir, how far that particular financial help given by the U.S. has been utilised for this particular purpose.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: It has had great prominence, this building up of this road.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: May be.

Shri Tyagi: Does this road pass through our territory in occupation by Pakistan and if so, how many miles has it passed into that territory?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Gilgit itself is that type of territory.

Shri Tyagi: The territory which was Kashmir. . . .

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Prime Minister has said the whole of Gilgit itself is that type of territory.

Violation of Air Space in N.E.F.A.

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Shri F. C. Borooah:
Shri Lilladhar Kotoki:
Shri S. A. Mehdi:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircrafts which violated the air space in N.E.F.A. and Naga Hills Tuensang area during the last year; and

(b) the action in the matter?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri J. N. Hazarika): (a) There were nine violations of air space by unidentified aircraft on the N.E.F.A. border during 1958. No violation was reported in the Naga Hills Tuensang Area during the same period.

(b) As the aircraft could not be identified, no action could be taken.

Shri P. G. Deb: May I know whether the aerodromes in NEFA areas have radar equipment?

Shri J. N. Hazarika: We have aircraft identification charts issued to various outposts to identify flying aircraft. I do not think they have any radar equipment.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know if Government propose to set up any agency to counteract the air space violations in these extreme eastern borders of our country, which have a good deal of military importance?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I do not understand that question. He has enquired whether we are putting up any special agency. I just do not understand it. It is part of the defence authorities' work to look after this. We are not going to create any new Ministry for this purpose.

Shri Liladhar Kotoki: Hon Parliamentary Secretary has stated that these aircraft could not be identified. May I know whether any step has been taken to equip those air bases with radar detectors, so that we can identify the aircraft that violate our air space in these areas?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Every effort is taken to identify it, but when we deal with aircraft which may be flying at 50,000 or 60,000 feet above sea level, i.e., double the height of Everest, it is not easy to identify, unless you yourself fly up more or less to that level and have a look at it. It is not easy to get there in time. One can guess from various circumstantial evidence, which is sometimes good, sometimes not so good.

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Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that NEFA is a strategic spear-head, may I know whether the aircraft which violate our air space belong to any foreign country, whether any information is obtainable on that account?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: It is a very odd question. If the aircraft belongs to our country, it is not a violation and the question does not arise. But I did answer a question sometime ago that some of these charges made in the newspapers referred to were due to a misunderstanding also, that is in the sense that Soviet airline flying from India to the Soviet Union passes more or less over that area and at first information came that some unidentified aircraft has flown in some cases it may well be that our aircraft was not recognised, but a number of cases still remain, which we could not account for.

Shri Hem Barua: There was an incident like that, when a journalist chartered an aircraft and wanted to violate the air space.

Mr. Speaker: Specific questions have been put upon it.

Shri P. G. Deb: May I know whether instructions are given to our military to fire at sight such foreign planes and to ground them?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: To fire at sight? Instructions are given not to do so.

Shri Hem Barua: Are instructions issued to signal warning and to make them land?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: All that was referred to by the Defence Minister (*Interruptions*).

Shri Hem Barua: I just want that warning must be signalled to them and if necessary they must be asked to land.

Mr. Speaker: All that was said by the hon. Defence Minister.