

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not know. So far as I know, it is an organisation *sui generis*. A political party may support it, but it is a different matter. I am not sufficiently acquainted with this organisation to be able to give a proper answer really.

Shri Joachim Alva: There are some persons who belong neither to Asia nor to Africa, but who have come as visitors to this country and they overstay here. When asked, they say that they work for Tibetan refugees. How do they overstay here?

Mr. Speaker: What has that to do with this conference?

Shri P. R. Patel: The people of different countries of Asia and Africa are agitated over the question of Tibet. So, if they meet here, in India, why should not the Government have a friendly attitude towards that conference?

Mr. Speaker: The question is, why the Government of India should not have a friendly attitude towards this conference which is intended to settle the Tibetan question here.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: We have a friendly attitude to any conference which intends to do that or likely to do that. What the function of this conference is, it is not for me to say. But the results of their efforts are not likely to settle any question.

Population Engaged in Agriculture

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*339. { **Shri Hem Raj:**
 Shri Anirudh Sinha:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the execution of the development plans and industrialisation of the country during the two Five-Year Plans have been able to reduce the proportion of the population engaged in agriculture; and

(b) the percentage of population engaged in agriculture in the beginning of the First Plan and at the end of the year 1959?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). Persons gainfully employed in agriculture in 1951 formed 69.34 per cent. of the total gainfully employed population in India according to the last Population Census. The corresponding percentage for 1955-56 (December—May) was roughly calculated as 64.30 on the basis of some preliminary results of the National Sample Survey. The actual reasons for the smaller percentage in 1955-56 than in 1951 are not precisely known but it may be presumed that this was to a considerable extent due to the execution of the development plans and industrialisation of the country. Similar estimate for any subsequent period is not available.

Shri Hem Raj: In view of the fact that there is a heavy burden on land, has the Government any proposal to shift the population from the agricultural to the industrial side?

Shri L. N. Mishra: That is the general objective of economic development. As industrialisation increases, the pressure on land will get reduced.

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SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

Chinese Infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir

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{ **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
 Shri Raghunath Singh:
S.N.Q. { **Shri N. R. Muniswamy:**
No. 2. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Bishwanath Roy:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chinese have occupied the Chantan Salt Mines in Ladakh and the people

of that area have been refused access to salt mines by the Chinese military;

(b) whether it is a fact that a considerable number of unknown people in the guise of Buddhist monks have entered Zaskar from the Tibetan side; and

(c) if so, the nature of the action taken in this regard?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) to (c). This subject has been referred to three times, if not more, and statements were made on the adjournment motion and, I think, in the course of debate too. However, this is the answer. The salt mines in Chanthan area and the Salt Lakes are in the North-East corner of Ladakh, which is in illegal occupation of the Chinese forces. There have been no reports of persons from our side having attempted to proceed there to collect salt and having been refused access.

As regards intrusion of Chinese in the guise of Buddhist monks in the Paddar and Zaskar areas, the J. & K. Government have already contradicted the reports. It is most unlikely that any Chinese could have come to this place after negotiating one or two snow-bound high ranges and traversing some 100 miles of our territory.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: On the 22nd February the hon. Prime Minister stated that this particular area was roughly 150 miles in the interior of our territory. In view of this fact, may I know what is the position at borders of this particular area?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: These reports relate to two entirely separate areas, and that produces some amount of confusion. As I said in answer to this question, the salt lake area is that area which is at present under illegal occupation of the Chinese. The other area is away in the interior, hundred miles away, and it is physically an extraordinary proposition for people to cross over the high

mountain ranges and come to the other area. That is part of the Jammu province.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member refers to the salt lake mine in Ladakh.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: That is one area; that is, as I said.....

Mr. Speaker: In the illegal occupation.

Shri N. R. Muniswamy: May I know whether it is a fact that the working committee of the Praja Parishad of the Kistwar Tehsil has demanded of the Government of India not to leave the Paddar area unprotected since it is in the vicinity of Ladakh where campaign in favour of the Panchan Lama is going on?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Which area?

Shri N. R. Muniswamy: Paddar area.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: That raises the entire issue of Chinese occupation there. I cannot answer it. We have debated that. It is not a matter which can be answered in a sentence or two. We have discussed this matter several times.

Shri Raghunath Singh: With reference to part (b) of the question, what steps have been taken to prevent the arrival of Chinese spies under the guise of Buddhist monks?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: What steps are normally taken to prevent spies coming in. Spy is an individual, and the very act of his spying means that he comes under false pretences. Spies do not come with a flag saying "I am a spy". Therefore, though one tries to prevent it, a person may come on false pretences. I cannot guarantee that. Every country has their spies in other countries.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether the Chanthan salt area in Ladakh was in use by them from a long time?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I cannot give any information as to what is

happening in that area, because it is under illegal occupation by the Chinese.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: The hon. Prime Minister says "I cannot say definitely", and the Prime Minister of Jammu and Kashmir State stated that the Chandan mine area is being operated by them, as it used to be previously. May I know whether the persons attached to the Chandan mines are mining salt at present, as usual, or not?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I believe there is still that confusion about different areas. There is a certain area which is under the illegal occupation of the Chinese. Obviously, when it is in the illegal occupation of the Chinese, we are not mining there.

Mr. Speaker: Is there any other mining area?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: There are bits here and there. But I am talking of the lake in the area which is occupied by the Chinese.

Shri Vajpayee: There are certain other salt mines, apart from the area which is under the occupation of the Chinese, and the reports relate to that area.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: It is that which is contradicted by the Kashmir Government.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Export of Iron Ore

*378. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1692 on the 28th August, 1959 and state:

(a) whether there has been any improvement in the export performance of iron ore to European countries during the last six months; and

(b) the difficulties that confront the trade agencies and Government to step up exports?

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

(a) The exports have been almost steady.

(b) Limited rail and port capacity and competition with nearer sources of supply.

Production of Calcium Carbide

*379. **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 785 on the 10th December, 1959 and state:

(a) at what places the new factories for production of better quality of Calcium Carbide with large modern furnaces and improved technique of material handling are being located;

(b) the time by which each such factory/furnace is expected to be installed; and

(c) the details of the measures taken to encourage use of alternate carbonaceous raw materials with low ash content?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House.