

## PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

(Part I—Questions and Answers)

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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Wednesday, 21st May, 1952.

*The House met at a Quarter to Eleven of the Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

## ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

## INDIA-PAKISTAN FINANCIAL ISSUES

\*62. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the outstanding financial issues which were discussed in the recent Karachi talks between the officials of India and Pakistan?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh):** The recent talks between the officials of India and Pakistan were only informal and preparatory to the resumption of the discussions on outstanding financial issues between the two Governments which were adjourned last year. As regards the issues themselves, I would refer the hon. Member to the reply given in Parliament on the 26th May 1951 to starred question No. 4541 and to the statement I made in Parliament on the 30th May 1951 on the discussions which I then had with the Finance Minister of Pakistan.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know the issues which were raised this time in this Conference and further whether they differed at all from the issues which had been raised in the previous Conference about which the hon. Minister has stated that he had given the reply in May 1951?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** They were the same issues; not that they were all dealt with comprehensively.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know whether the parties to that talk arriv-  
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ed at any decision in regard to any issue?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** They were not authorised to arrive at any decisions because the talks were preparatory to conversations at the Ministerial level which were intended to take place at a later date.

**Shri P. T. Chacko:** May I know whether the question of Pakistan's debt to India was discussed there?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** That was one of the issues which was discussed in a preparatory way.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know the issues which were raised by Pakistan in that Conference?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Minister said that the talks were confidential. Is he in a position to disclose what issues were discussed.

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** The issues have been stated. The nature of the talks cannot be disclosed at this moment.

**Shri P. T. Chacko:** May I know whether any agreement was reached regarding the payment of Pakistan's debt to India?

**Mr. Speaker:** I think it is covered by the previous reply. He said that the parties had no authority to come to any decision.

## HINDUSTAN AIRCRAFT LTD.

\*63. **Shri Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether the Hindustan Aircraft Limited has begun to receive a steady load of work from the Air Force and Civil Aviation for the manufacture of Aircraft?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** I will answer this question on behalf of the Minister of Defence.