

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** The men need not depend on one's agreement. They may if they like.

**Shri Amjad Ali:** Could it be ascertained by Government whether initially the *modus operandi* perpetrated was for committing dacoity or was it only to terrorise innocent villagers?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** As far as one can see, it was a dacoity. Hon. Members will realise that border areas are peculiarly suited for dacoities, smuggling and the like. Persons commit the dacoity and rush across the border and seek safety elsewhere. If a dacoity occurs within a certain territory it is a bad thing. But, it does not attract any attention except that it is a bad thing. If it occurs in a border area, it becomes an international issue and attention is directed to it although dacoits normally prefer the border areas because they can seek refuge on the other side. This occurs on both sides.

**Shri Amjad Ali:** Has anything been recovered from the dacoits...

#### CULTURAL TEAM OF ARTISTES TO RUSSIA

\*1332. **Dr. J. N. Parekh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the reactions of Cultural Team of Artistes that visited Soviet Russia and other countries recently; and

(b) what results have been achieved from their visit to those countries?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Defence (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) and (b). A Delegation visited many places in Soviet Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia. They were received with enthusiasm everywhere and their performances created great interest in Indian dancing and music. The effect of this tour was an increase in goodwill and friendship between India and the countries visited, as well as an appreciation of Indian art and cultural activities in these countries.

Government have no information about the individual reactions of the

artistes who went with the Delegation. The Leader and some other members of the Delegation expressed their great pleasure at the reception given to them in the countries visited.

**Dr. J. N. Parekh:** May I know the total receipts at the various shows and the manner how the receipts were utilised?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** We are not responsible for the receipts or getting the money. The question may well be addressed to the various cities concerned where they went, and I do not see how I can be in possession of that information. May I remind the hon. Member it was not a business tour or a professional tour of people trying to raise money by their visit there?

**Shri N. M. Lingam:** Has it come to the notice of the Government that certain members of these delegations abuse their Government or run down their Government in foreign countries? If so, what action do Government propose to take in such cases?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** Does the hon. Member refer to this delegation or some other?

**Shri N. M. Lingam:** Certain delegations generally.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** How can I answer vague questions about any delegation?

#### STEEL

\*1333. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan has offered supply of steel to India;

(b) if so, the terms of such offer; and

(c) whether this transaction is on barter basis or under the Colombo Plan?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.