

कैम्ब्रिज अभियान दल को इनर लाइन के दक्षिण की ओर वाले इलाके में पहाड़ों पर चढ़ने की इजाजत देने का फैसला कर लिया गया है, लेकिन नक्शे बनाने का नहीं, और यह भी फैसला किया गया है। कि अभियान के दौरान में दल के साथ एक भारतीय अफसर लगा दिया जाये। डाक्टर वरम्यूलन को दार्जिलिंग और गंगतोक (सिक्किम) में वनस्पति खोज करने की इजाजत इस शर्त पर दी गई है कि वे वनस्पतियों के अपने संग्रह का एक एक नमूना भारतीय वनस्पति सर्वेक्षण कार्यालय (बोटैनिकल सर्वे आफ इंडिया) को दें। सिक्किम दरबार से यह कहा जा रहा है कि वे गंगतोक में अपना एक संपर्क अधिकारी उनके साथ लगा दें।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : जिन पर्वतारोही दलों को इस बार भारत आने की आज्ञा दी गई है, या जो समय समय पर आते रहते हैं, क्या उनसे यह अनुरोध किया जाता है कि वे जो भी नक्शे बनायें या चित्र खींचें उनकी प्रतियां भारत सरकार को अवश्य दें ताकि भारत सरकार को उनकी जानकारी रहे ?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा बंदेशिक कार्य मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : उनको तो नक्शे बनाने की इजाजत ही नहीं दी गई।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या गवर्नमेंट के ध्यान में यह बात आई है कि पिछले दिनों नेपाल के हिमालय में जो तरह तरह की हरकतें हुईं उनकी वजह से नेपाल सरकार ने कड़ा रुख अख्तियार किया है, और क्या उसी प्रकार से भारत में भी कड़ाई करने का विचार किया जा रहा है, या कम से कम ऐसी शर्तें लगाई जायेंगी कि वे लोग जो फोटो खींचें उनकी प्रतियां भारत सरकार को जरूर दी जायें ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : जी हां, नेपाल में जो कुछ हुआ उसकी कुछ खबर आई, लेकिन तफसील नहीं मालूम हुई। पर हिन्दुस्तान में तो पहले से ही काफी कायदे कानून इस बारे में हैं। मुमकिन है कि नेपाल के कायदे कानूनों में कुछ ढील हो इसलिये दिक्कत हुई हो, या इन्तजाम में कुछ कमी हो। अब, यह जाहिर है कि कभी कभी ऐसी बातें यहां भी हुई हैं जो हमने पसन्द नहीं की हैं, उनकी रोक थाम की जाती है।

Shri H. N. Mukerjee : In view of the fact that there have been reports of many foreign secret service personnel infiltrating into our country under

the guise of mountaineering and quasi scientific expeditions, may I know if we have any means of checking the antecedents of those persons who come as members of these expeditions ?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : We do apply the normal methods of checking such applications, finding out from various people and our Embassies in other places. We are now fairly strict in giving permission. In fact, permission is not given at all, in so far as the territory beyond the inner line is concerned. It is only outside the inner line that permission is given, after due enquiry and check.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty : We have now established a Mountaineering Institute at Darjeeling. May I know whether in connection with that institute, botanical research sections also are contemplated to be set up in order to study the areas where these mountaineers would be going?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : That institute is in its infancy yet. I am not quite sure how far they have advanced in botanical research. I rather doubt it. What they normally do is, if they have an expedition, they ask some of our botanical officers from Calcutta or Darjeeling to join them, and they go with them for that purpose.

INDIANS IN SIKKIM

***2057. Shri Kamath :** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) whether the talks with the Government of Sikkim regarding the status of Indians in Sikkim and of Sikkimese in India have concluded :

(b) if so, with what result; and

(c) if not, at what stage the matter rests?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri J. N. Hazarika) : (a) to (c). No talks as such have been going on with the Government of Sikkim regarding the status of Indians in Sikkim and Sikkimese in India. The Sikkim Durbar are considering promulgating "Sikkim Subjects Regulation" over which they have sought our advice. It is hoped that

when the "Sikkim Subjects Regulation" is finalized, the status of Indians in Sikkim and Sikkimese in India will be adequately protected.

Shri Kamath : What is the number approximately, if not accurately, of Indians in Sikkim and of Sikkimese in India?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru) : We have no figures at present with us.

Shri Kamath : What is the position, constitutionally speaking, of Sikkim *vis-a-vis* India, and how far does it differ from that of the neighbouring State of Bhutan?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : I would advise the hon. Member to read the treaty between India and Sikkim. These things cannot be defined in precise phrases.

Shri Kamath : Do Government propose, now or later on, to consider the citizenship issue of India and Bhutan, and of India and Nepal, *inter Se*, on a reciprocal basis, just as in the case of some British Commonwealth countries?

Mr. Speaker : How does that arise out of this question?

Shri Kamath : It is regarding citizenship.

Mr. Speaker : This is only in respect of Sikkim.

Shri Kamath : But the neighbouring States are equally important.

Mr. Speaker : No. Now, Shrimati Renu Chakravartty.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty : As far as we know, Sikkim is a protectorate of India. May I know what the implications of its being a protectorate are, as far as the rights of Indian citizens within that country are concerned?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : I purposely refrain from using any word to define the relationship. These words have been used in the past. They change their connotation and their meaning and their application. They may part-

ly be correct. Anyhow, so far as the position of Indians there is concerned, as stated earlier, there is no particular difficulty about the Indians there. They have no rules and regulations at present, but as stated in the main answer, the matter is apparently being considered by the Sikkim Durbar, and they are thinking of promulgating a 'Sikkim Subjects Regulation'. In fact, they have asked our advice about it.

Shri C. D. Pande : Is it a fact that China is also claiming the territories of Sikkim, Bhutan and Nepal as falling within her suzerainty?

Shri Syamanandan Sahaya : He means the zone of influence.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : No, not that I am aware of.

Shri Kamath : Pending the finalisation of this issue with Sikkim, is the Prime Minister in a position to assure the House that Indians at present in Sikkim do not labour under or suffer from any kind of disability, civil or other?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : I have not heard of this before. I do not know if the hon. Member has had any particular information. But there has been no case of any Indian suffering any disability in Sikkim, to my knowledge, at any time.

NUCLEAR TESTS

*2058. **Shri C. R. Narasimhan :** will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are adequate arrangements in this country to watch the extent of radio fall-out, radioactive contamination of air-space and adjoining seas and other harmful effects causable by nuclear and thermonuclear test explosions likely to be conducted in the Indian Ocean area and near about by some nations; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of such arrangements?