

LOK SABHA

Wednesday, 23rd May, 1956

*The Lok Sabha met at Half Past Ten
of the Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SHIPPING

*2442. **Shri Jhulan Sinha** : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the extent to which our shipping industry suffers from what is known as Flag Discrimination ?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri) : No instance of flag discrimination against Indian ships has been brought to the notice of Government.

Shri Jhulan Sinha : May I know if Government has received information either through the interests affected or through other sources that this industry is actually suffering from flag discrimination ?

Shri L. B. Shastri : That is not correct, and we have received no such information either from the shipping companies or from any other sources.

Shri Mohiuddin : Does not the refusal by the Shipping Lines Conference to allow the Indian ships to join them for a particular route amount to flag discrimination ?

Shri L. B. Shastri : That does not amount to flag discrimination. But I might tell the hon. Member that some time back it was felt that there might be some difficulty in the Indian companies joining some other Shipping Conferences, but mutual discussions have led to better results.

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Shri P. C. Bose : May I know whether the Government is aware that during the last International Conference held at Tokyo this question of flag discrimination was debated and the Indians took exception to certain remarks made by the Europeans ?

Shri L. B. Shastri : Yes, Sir, this question was raised from the other side, from other foreign shipping companies. But we made it clear that an undeveloped country like ours should have the right to move its cargoes in its ships for the development of its own shipping, and as shippers also we have an inherent right to carry our cargo in the ships which we like.

तराई क्षेत्र में डाक सेबायें

* २४४३. **श्री विभूति मिश्र** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या नेपाल सरकार ने भारत सरकार को सुझाव दिया है कि नेपाल के सीमान्त स्थानों से जहाँ पर भारतीय डाकघर हैं, नेपाल के तराई क्षेत्र के गम्य स्थानों में चिट्ठियों और पारसलों के बंटवाने का प्रबन्ध किया जाये; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या भारत सरकार ने सुझाव स्वीकार कर लिया है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) :

(क) जी हां, किन्तु केवल नेपाल के डाकघरों में डाक देने के बारे में। वो डाकघर उस डाक को एड्रेसियों (addressees) में बांट देंगे।

(ख) इस विषय पर अभी तक भारत और नेपाल की सरकारों में लिखा-पढ़ी हो रही है।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : यह जो नेपाल तराई के पास भारतीय डाकखाने हैं, इन डाकखानों में से जब नेपाल तराई को चिट्ठी बांटने का