

श्री भक्त बर्षान : क्या यह बतलाने की कृपा की जायेगी कि सूचना एकत्र करने में क्या अड़चन पड़ रही है ?

श्री साबत अली खां : अड़चन तो कोई खास नहीं है ।

प्रधान मंत्री तथा वैदेशिक कार्य तथा वित्त मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : जाहिर सी बात है कि यह मामले दूसरे मुल्कों के मामले हैं, हमारे मुल्क के मामले नहीं हैं । दूसरे मुल्कों के मामले में हम क्या करें ? हजारों अड़चनों होती हैं, वहां की गवर्नमेंट क्या राय दे, क्या मुनासिब समझे, क्या नहीं, हम उस पर कोई दबाव तो डाल नहीं सकते ।

श्री भक्त बर्षान : सिंगापुर की सरकार ने इस मामले में क्या अपना सहयोग देने का विचार प्रकट किया है, या कि उस ने कोई उत्तर ही नहीं दिया है ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू सिंगापुर सरकार के सामने भी बड़े बड़े प्रश्न हैं, यहां तक कि अपनी जिन्दगी का प्रश्न है । इसलिये शायद उन्होंने ने इस मसले पर उतना ध्यान नहीं दिया है, जितना यहां के मेम्बरान दे रहे हैं ।

Shri Kamath: Has Government cared at least to ascertain whether the desire to which Mr. David Marshall gave expression, I think, on the eve of his resignation in May or June last, is shared by his successor in so far as the erection of this memorial to the I.N.A. in Signapore is concerned?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have just said that the Singapore Government is faced with great problems of its own, constitutional and other, and we can only proceed a little cautiously in consulting them. We are doing that; and we do not wish to be aggressive in our consultations or to embarrass them at all.

Shri Kamath: You must be helpful.

Indian Steel Mission

*727. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sent a Steel Mission to Europe;

(b) if so, the purpose for which it has been sent and the names of the countries visited by the Mission;

(c) whether the Steel Mission has submitted its report on return; and

(d) if so, the main features of the report?

The Minister of Heavy Industries (Shri M. M. Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The purpose of the Fact-Finding Mission was to ascertain the quality, suitability and availability of Continental steel to meet Indian demand, with particular reference to Railway requirements. The countries visited were France, West Germany, Holland, Belgium, Luxemburg, the U.K., Austria, Hungary and Yugoslavia.

(c) No, Sir, not yet.

(d) Does not arise.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : यह जो मिशन गया था, क्या उस ने सब जगहों पर घूमने के बाद यह बताया है कि कहां का लोहा सस्ता, ज्यादा अच्छा और हिन्दुस्तान की रेलवे के लिये उपयुक्त साबित हुआ है ?

श्री म० म० शाह : जैसा मैं ने बताया उस की रिपोर्ट आने वाली है ।

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Way I know whether during this tour our men have come to any agreement with any country for the import of steel?

Shri M. M. Shah: These members of the mission had no power or authority to enter into agreements.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: What were the main responsibilities cast upon these men in the course of this tour?

Shri M. M. Shah: As I have already indicated in my answer, it was to find out the quality, suitability and availability and the price of steel in the different countries.

Partition Council

*729. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) why the Partition Council did not sit after 1st December, 1947;

(b) how the works allotted to the Council have been dealt with; and

(c) whether all the decisions taken by the Council before December 1947, have been implemented?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) There was no need, as the Partition Council had by 1st December, 1947, decided all major issues referred to it.