

increase in the quantum of imports possible at the time.

Shri Palaniyandy: May I know whether Government is contemplating the manufacture of projectors for the cinema industry?

Shri Kanungo: There is no such proposal yet.

Anti-Indian Literature from Colombo

*1283. **Shri Hem Barua:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that anti-Indian literature over the India-China border issue is regularly circulated by post in this country from Colombo;

(b) if so, whether this has been brought to the notice of Ceylon Government; and

(c) if so, with what results?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) We came across a leaflet posted to some addresses in this country from Colombo.

(b) This was informally brought to the notice of the Government of Ceylon.

(c) It is understood that that Government have not been able to trace the origin of the leaflet.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether Government are aware of the fact that anti-Indian propaganda leaflets are circulated in our neighbouring countries, particularly, Nepal? If so, may I know whether any country, including Nepal, has brought this matter to the notice of our Government?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: This question relates only to the propaganda coming from Colombo.

Shri Hem Barua: These cyclostyled leaflets are being circulated in India from Colombo and also in Nepal and other neighbouring countries. That is why I want to know this.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: If the hon. Minister is prepared to answer I have no objection.

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: The hon. Member is right. Similar anti-Indian literature has also been posted to India and other countries such as Pakistan, Burma, Nepal, Khartoum and Sikkim, mostly from Hong Kong. We have drawn the attention of the authorities in Hong Kong to this propaganda and enquiries are still continuing.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether this 3½ page cyclostyled leaflet that is termed as a letter is being circulated by an organisation called the Anti-Expansionist association of the Peoples' Republic of China,—that accuses and makes an unabashed attack on our Prime Minister—a dastardly attack—and accuses him of “practically instigating the revolt of the Tibetan rebels” and further accuses our Prime Minister “of cherishing expansionist ambitions”? May I know whether that has been received by our Government? If so, may I know whether it has been received from Hong Kong or Colombo? Has it been ascertained?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: We received copies of a leaflet entitled, ‘Indian Imperialism a threat to Asian Unity’. I am grateful to the hon. Member for supplying me with so much information. As for the organisation to which the hon. Member just now referred, the Chinese Government are of the opinion that no such organisation exists.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that these propaganda leaflets are circulated in our country from sources in Hong Kong and Colombo particularly, may I know whether Government proposes to screen them off at the post offices so that they may not have any circulation in our country?

An Hon. Member: They may screen our letters also.

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: It is difficult.

Shri Tyagi: I would like to know that concrete steps are being taken by Government or their representatives in those countries to counteract this propaganda by some positive propaganda on our side.

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: I do not know. The attitude of Government is very clear in these matters. This propaganda is so full of untruth that I do not think it carries any weight.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The question is whether there is any propaganda to counteract this propaganda against the Indian Government that is being carried on.

Shri Tyagi: Beyond launching protests, do Government take any positive steps to counteract this propaganda?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: In the normal course we counteract it.

Shri Tyagi: What do you do in this case?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: We cannot answer abuse by abuse.

Shri D. C. Sharma: This kind of anti-Indian literature comes to us by air, ordinary post and through the sea. May I know if Government has any agency to check this kind of propaganda, the incoming of such propaganda, at the levels of sea, air and regular mail?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: This particular leaflet came in the form of an ordinary letter. It is difficult to stop letters addressed to persons. About the other part of the question, there is the Sea Customs law. I am sorry the Communications Minister is not here; he will be in a better position to answer that question. (*Interruptions.*)

Shri Thanu Pillai: May I know who are the authors of these pamphlets said to be emanating from Colombo?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: That is what we are trying to find out. Enquiries are being made. (*Interruptions.*)

Shri Braj Raj Singh: May I know whether no other letter, than the one referred to by the Parliamentary Secretary, has been received in India? If more letters are being received, will Government think over the possibility of sealing them—this sort of literature—in post offices and not getting them circulated in the country?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: This kind of literature does not come in bulk. As far as I am aware, no other letter of this kind—or leaflet of this kind—has been received by us.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that the Parliamentary Secretary has said that steps are taken to counteract this anti-Indian propaganda coming from these sources, may I know what other steps, except circulating a flimsy brochure stating our case, Government have taken in foreign countries to build up our case?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: I will collect the material and give it to the hon. Member. As to what concrete steps have been taken, I cannot answer off-hand.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या इस विषय में सिलोन में हमारे हाई कमिश्नर के जरिये से कोई कार्यवाही हुई है या नहीं और जो पैम्फलेट था, उसका कांटाडिक्शन सिलोन में थाया किया गया है या नहीं ।

श्री सादत अली खाँ : मैंने अभी प्रश्न किया कि वहाँ की गवर्नमेंट की तबज़ह इस मामले की तरफ़ दिलाई गई और उन्होंने कहा कि उनके लिये यह पता चलाना मुश्किल है कि यह लीफ़लेट कहाँ से चला और कैसे पहुँचा ।

Running Commentaries on the Visits of Foreign Dignitaries

*1284. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is great public demand for broadcast-