

Sardar Swaran Singh: I do not think Government have given subsidy to any colliery for poor quality of coal, because I do not think it would be in the overall national interest to subsidise the production of inferior quality of coal.

Shri Amjad Ali: May I know whether all the possibilities of getting good coal in Assam have been explored?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I do not think that all that could be done for mining has been done either in Assam or in any other part of the country, because mining is a sphere where a lot of development should take place.

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: Next question. This relates to Assam only.

छात्रों का राजनैतिक प्रदर्शनों में भाग लेना

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क्या शिक्षा मंत्री २४ नवम्बर, १९६० के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ४५० के उत्तर के संबंध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि छात्रों के राजनैतिक प्रदर्शनों में भाग लेने पर प्रतिबन्ध लगाने के प्रश्न पर क्या निर्णय किया गया है ?

शिक्षा मंत्री (डा० का० ला० धीमाली): इस के बारे में अभी तक कोई फैसला नहीं किया गया है ।

I shall also read it in English.

No decision has yet been taken in the matter.

श्री भक्त वर्मान : श्रीमन्, क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस सम्बन्ध में निर्णय करने में

इतनी देरी क्यों हो रही है और कब तक इस का फैसला हो जायेगा ?

Dr. K. L. Shrivastava: The position is that this matter was discussed at the Conference of Vice-Chancellors held at Khadakvasla last year. The general opinion was that it would be desirable if political parties themselves came to an agreement and exercised some kind of restraint in this matter. So we are having some informal consultations with the different political groups. In my opinion, instead of making any law, it would be more desirable if political parties themselves exercised restraint in this matter.

श्री रामेश्वर टाटिया : क्या सरकार की निगाह में यह बात आई है कि जब कोई मंत्री या बड़े नेता जाते हैं, तो स्कूलों और कॉलेजों को बन्द कर के लड़कों और लड़कियों को उन का स्वागत करने के लिये ले जाया जाता है ? अगर ऐसा है, तो उस बारे में क्या सरकार कोई ऐसा आदेश देगी कि भविष्य में ऐसा न किया जाये ?

डा० का० ला० धीमाली : ऐसा होता है और यह गन्तव्य है कि स्कूल बंद रह बन्द किये जायें मिनिस्ट्रों के आने पर ।

श्री बजराम सिंह : क्या माननीय मंत्री को यह मालूम नहीं है ?

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know with which political parties the hon. Minister has held informal consultations so far, and what has been the result of those consultations?

Dr. K. L. Shrivastava: I am afraid I would not be able to give any information in this matter till we have come to some agreement in this regard.

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: I do not know how to give opportunities. Is it the general desire that all our children should become politicians?

Shri Braj Raj Singh: Not at all.

Shri Vajpayee: We are opposed to it.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: The Government are responsible for demonstrations of a political nature by students.

Shri Vajpayee: How are political demonstrations to be defined? If we stage a demonstration before the Chinese Embassy against aggression, is it a political demonstration? Let the Education Minister define the term.

Mr. Speaker: I wish every Member of Parliament has a number of children.

Shri Vajpayee: I am a bachelor.

Mr. Speaker: What we should like our children to be in school days each one must think for himself. This is a very great national problem, and I believe hon. Members ought not to force the issue. We may come to some understanding.

Shri Tyagi: The children of Members of Parliament are born in a political environment.

माननीय मंत्री के जबाब से यह भन्दाजा हुआ कि इस बात पर गौर हो सकता है कि अगर पार्टीज इस बारे में तैयार न हों, तो किसी कानून के जरिये से पोलिटिकल मामलों में उन का हिस्सा लेना रोका जाये। मैं यह जानना चाहता हू कि क्या इस बात की स्टडी की गई है कि किसी दूसरे मुक्त में कानून के जरिये से विद्यार्थियों को पार्लिटिक्स में हिस्सा लेने से रोका गया है।

डा० का० सा० श्रीवाली : मैं ने स्वयं निवेदन किया है कि सरकार की इस बारे में कानून बनाने की मंशा नहीं है। मैं चाहता हूँ कि राजनैतिक दलों के नेता स्वयं इस मामले में महसूस करें कि छोटे बच्चों को प्रवर्धन बरकरा में लाना देश के लिये अच्छा नहीं है। यदि लोग स्वयं इस बात पर विचार कर के इस विषय में ध्यान-संपन्न रहें, तो परन्तु छात्राणी से

हल हो सकती है। इस में विद्यार्थी की बात नहीं है। सभी लोग—चाहे वे किसी भी राजनैतिक दल के हों—बच्चों की शिक्षा और देश के भविष्य के बारे में चिन्तित है।

श्री श्यामी : क्या गवर्नमेंट ने इस बारे में पोलिटिकल पार्टीज की कोई कन्वेन्शन बुलाने की कोशिश की है ?

डा० का० सा० श्रीवाली : मैं ने निवेदन किया है कि इस बारे में कुछ महाविरा लोगों से हो रहा है।

Mr. Speaker: I will allow one hon. Member from each major Group to ask a question.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether it is not a fact that in almost all the Universities in UK, discussions of a political nature are encouraged and certain important political issues affecting the whole country and sometimes affecting the world...

Mr. Speaker: The point is not an academic discussion within the campus, but participation in demonstrations. We are going out of the way.

Shri Tangamani: There was a demonstration for banning atomic bombs in which students also participated.

Mr. Speaker: We are concerned with demonstrations, not with discussion and debate.

Shri Tangamani: The demonstration was for banning the atomic bomb.

Mr. Speaker: I am not going to allow that question. I am aware of a number of cases where there are debating societies in every school or college. There are also parliaments. When I went there, they called a 'mock parliament'. I said, 'It is doing an injustice. You call it school parliament and not a mock parliament'. Parliament can never be a mock affair.

Therefore, at the impressionable age, children may hear all sides. But

they need not take active interest in politics. That is my personal view. But we are not concerned with that. The question now is whether they should be allowed to participate in demonstrations or not. Whether inside a college or inside a University, they must have discussions about this matter or not is not the point at issue now. Therefore, hon. Members would confine themselves to the question whether they should enter into active politics and also participate in demonstrations.

Shri Tangamani: I wanted to know what is the practice in U.K.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Minister is not the Minister of U.K. I will not allow questions to range all the world over.

Shri Tangamani: This is dealing with students and I am referring to students in Universities. The previous question was whether such a thing had been banned in any other University. I put a specific question because they allowed it in the United Kingdom Universities....

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: I cannot understand why the hon. Member is so agitated. I have said that Government do not propose to ban this activity. I have been appealing all the time that political parties should come to an understanding in this matter so that our young children below the age of 14 are not recruited for processions etc. All this is very harmful to the future of the country; and all the political parties, the Congress, the Communists and the Jan Sangh, should realise that it is not in the interests of the country that the children should be utilised for this purpose.

Shri Vajpayee: In view of the fact that there are quite a few student organisations which have no connection with political parties, may I know if the hon. Minister would consider the desirability of inviting those student leaders also for consultation?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: This is a suggestion for action.

Shri Jaipal Singh: With due deference to the the dignity of the Chair, I humbly beg to differ from....

Mr. Speaker: I expressed my personal opinion. Hon. Members are entitled to differ from my personal views.

Shri Jaipal Singh: You take a personal view but this is Parliament. Last year Members of Parliament went to a well-known college in Rajasthan and played cricket with the students. One evening we participated along with the students—with the assistance given by the Secretariat here—in a Question Hour and later in Mock Parliament. Mock Parliament does not mean mocking Parliament....

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member is taking exception to my having taken exception to the expression 'Mock Parliament'. All that I said was that it may be called School Parliament. (*Interruption*). I only wanted to create the impression that Parliament means this Parliament and no other assembly. Let there be no 'Mock Parliament' and no proceedings reported as those of the 'Mock Parliament'. All that I suggested was in keeping with the dignity of the Parliament. They may be called 'School Parliament' or 'College Parliament'. That is all that I said. But if the hon. Member wants to call any assembly as 'Mock Parliament' let him do so. He is a Member of Parliament and I would not like anybody to use the word 'Parliament' in connection with any disparaging statement. That is my view personally. I cannot prevent the hon. Member from calling it a 'Mock Parliament' if he likes. But let him not call this a 'Mock Parliament'.

राजा-बहेन्द्र प्रसाद : इतनी दफा में उठा बैठा, बैठा बैठा कि मेरी कसरत हो गई ।

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member will have his turn.

Shri Jaipal Singh: I did not mean that, Sir. You are putting too much meaning into what I said. 'Mock Parliament' does not mean mocking the Parliament. Students have 'Mock Parliament' and 'Mock Trials'.

राजा महेश्वर प्रताप : मेरा कहना यह है कि प्राय यह कोशिश कीजिये कि वहां तालीम इस तरह की हो कि लड़के इन दूरी तरफ जायें ही नहीं। इन में किसी पार्टी का दखल नहीं है, इस में तो पढ़ाई के अच्छे होने का सबाल है।

डा० का० सा० भीमाली : यह प्राय का सजेशन है।

श्री म० सा० द्विवेदी : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या इस बात पर विचार हुआ है या नहीं कि राजनीतिक हलचलों में दूर शान्त वातावरण में जहाँ विद्यार्थी डेस्ट्रुक्शन में भाग न ले सकें, ऐसे स्थानों पर शिक्षा को विकेंद्रित किया जाये ?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: This does not arise out of this question.

श्री प्रकाश और शास्त्री : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि विश्वविद्यालयों और महा विद्यालयों में जो छात्र संघों का निर्माण किया जाता है, उन के पीछे भी कुछ राजनीतिक दल कार्य करते हैं और उसी से प्रभावित हो कर के छात्रों को इस प्रकार के प्रदर्शनों में भाग लेना पड़ता है ? यदि हाँ, तो शिक्षा मंत्रालय ने क्या इस प्रकार की कोई नीति निर्धारित की है कि जिस में अविव्य में छात्र संघों के निर्माण में राजनीतिक दल कुछ रूकटव न हो सकें ?

डा० का० सा० भीमाली : यह सब है कि राजनीतिक दल मदद करते हैं यूनिवर्सिटीज में जब विद्यार्थी संघ बनते हैं। लेकिन जैसे मैं ने कहा है कि सिवाय इस के कि हम स्वयं इस बारे में विचार करें—सभी राजनीतिक दल—कि किस हद तक इस मामले में नियंत्रण होना चाहिये और किस हद तक लड़कों को स्वतन्त्रता देनी चाहिये, कुछ नहीं हो सकता है। मैं

समझता हूँ कि यह किसी का मंशा नहीं है कि हमारे बच्चे राजनीतिक मामलों पर विचार न करें या राजनीतिक मामलों पर बहस न करें। इन में प्रथम ही यूनिवर्सिटीज के विद्यार्थियों को ऐसा करना चाहिये। मैं समझता हूँ कि यह भी विद्यार्थियों को समझना चाहिये कि उन का प्रथम काम शिक्षा ग्रहण करना है न कि राजनीतिक काम करना और इस मामले में स्वयं सभी नेता ठीक तरह से मार्गदर्शन करें तो मैं समझता हूँ कि हमारे देश के लिये यह बड़ा हितकर होगा।

Shri Palaniyandi: May I know whether Government will convene meetings of political parties, as was done in Madras by the Madras Government where they found a solution for this purpose?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: As far as my information goes, some agreement was arrived at in Madras; but some of the political parties went back on the agreement and they changed their minds.

राजा महेश्वर प्रताप : मेरे सबाल का जवाब नहीं दिया गया है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यह पढ़ाई का सबाल है या नहीं है ? अगर पढ़ाई अच्छी होगी तो ऐसी बात नहीं हो सकती है कि विद्यार्थी ऐसी बातें करें।

डा० का० सा० भीमाली : प्राय का फहना ठीक है।

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: Sir, I would like to disabuse the hon. Minister of the impression he has got that some of the political parties in Madras have gone back on the agreement. On the other hand, they have stuck to the agreement; and the agreement is being carried on.

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: No, Sir; that is not correct.

श्री राज राम सिंह : सभी माननीय मंत्री ने कहा है कि वह राजनीतिक दलों से यह चाहते हैं कि वे ऐसे प्रदर्शनों में भाग लें

के लिये विद्यार्थियों को प्रोत्साहित न करें। जब तक सम्पूर्ण राजनीतिक दल देश के इस सम्बन्ध में कोई समझौता न कर सकें तब तक के लिये क्या माननीय मंत्री जी यह उचित समझेंगे कि कम से कम कांग्रेस पार्टी द्वारा यह घोषित किया जाये कि वह किसी तरह के प्रदर्शन में हिस्सा लेने के लिये विद्यार्थियों को प्रोत्साहित नहीं करेगी, खास तौर से चुनावों के सम्बन्ध में ?

डा० का० सा० श्रीमाली : इस मामले में मैं सब को झपील ही कर सकता हूँ। जैसे श्री नताशों को झपील करता हूँ, कांग्रेस के नेताओं को भी झपील करता हूँ कि हमारे जो विद्यार्थी हैं उन को राजनीतिक प्रदर्शनों में नहीं खींचा जाना चाहिये।

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is not a fact that the universities are the recruiting ground for the different political parties because the students constitute the army of future politicians? If they are not allowed to work, then, in that case, our future will suffer.

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: Universities are not the recruiting ground for preparing political leaders. I do not accept the suggestion of the hon. Member. Universities are places where we prepare people for future life whether in the political field or in the field of administration or various other branches. It is for them to decide. The hon. Member is very wrong in his conception if of university education if he thinks that it is a place for recruiting political leaders.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Minister has said that Government do not propose to take any action but that he appeals to various parties and their leaders to avoid, as far as possible, bringing in children into this.

Shri Tyagi: Who will bring them together?

Utilisation of Natural Gas in Assam

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Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the industries that are going to utilise the natural gas from Nahorkatiya oil fields have been finalised;

(b) if so, what are these industries; and

(c) how much gas they will utilise and from when?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) to (c). A statement containing the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 68].

Shrimati Mafida Ahmed: From the statement I find that 7 projects will be set up to harness the available gas. May I know the industries that will be set up in the public sector with foreign collaboration and those which will be set up in the private sector? May I also know whether any financial assistance has been offered by any foreign government in this respect?

Sardar Swaran Singh: Out of these, there are two projects, namely, gas distribution for domestic and industrial consumption as also the power plant, which are proposed to be set up by the Government of Assam. The Fertiliser project is going to be set up by the Fertiliser Corporation of India. That also is a Central Government undertaking. About cement, the Government of Assam are hoping to set up a cement factory in the public sector. I learn that investigations are taking place and the final decision has not yet been taken. The remaining 3 projects are in the private sector.