

mendations were made, developments have taken place in the industry and those have got to be considered. So, it is left to the wage board itself to decide. Of course, attempts will be made to get their recommendations as early as possible.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad: May I know by what time the terms of reference will be finalised and this board will be brought into existence for functioning?

Shri R. K. Malviya: The terms of reference are being finalised in consultation with the parties—employers and workers. As soon as their acceptance comes, the terms will be finalised.

Mr. Speaker: Any approximate idea about the time that is likely to be taken?

Shri R. K. Malviya: This should not take more than a couple of months.

Phizo's Visit to Nagaland

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 Shri Bibhuti Mishra;
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 Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya;
 Shri D. D. Matri;
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 Shri Hem Raj;
 Shri Kajrolkar;
 Shri Himatsingka;
 Shri Swell;
 Shri Kappen;
 Shri H. C. Soy;
 Shri Gulshan;
 Shri Ram Harkh Yadav;

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Phizo, the rebel Naga leader, has requested Government to permit him to enter Nagaland; and

(b) if so, whether Government have considered his request?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) and (b). Shri Phizo has made no request to the Government of India but the Chief Minister of Nagaland received intimation that Phizo was willing to discuss with him and his colleagues the subject of restoration of peace in Nagaland. The Government of India have, on the request of the Government of Nagaland, agreed to grant him safe conduct if he comes to India for talks with the Government of Nagaland on the condition prescribed by the Chief Minister.

Shri Nath Pai: Shri Phizo is subsequently reported to have declined this offer of safe conduct. May we know the reasons? Since the Government of India had indicated to him by its offer that in its own opinion a final settlement of the Naga problem is not possible without his reaching an agreement with it, may we know where the negotiations broke down?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: We do not know whether Shri Phizo has declined the offer of safe conduct or not, because this was a request from the Nagaland Government, as I have pointed out in my answer, to the Government of India. We have seen reports in the newspapers that he has not agreed to keep to his original proposal of coming to Nagaland and discussing with the Nagaland Government. But as far as we are aware no such proposal or confirmation has been received from Shri Phizo, as to whether he has abandoned his idea of coming to Nagaland.

Shri Nath Pai: Is it a fact that, in order to demonstrate to India and to the world how in spite of the fact that we have introduced a popular regime there it is Phizo's writ that runs in the Nagaland, Phizo's allies in Nagaland have stepped up their hostile activity and of late this is causing a great embarrassment to us?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: It does not mean any such thing. The Nagaland Administration feels that it will be able to maintain law and order better if it can come to an agreement with Phizo who has been helping the hostiles against the Government. Since Phizo himself has expressed a desire to come to Nagaland and talk with the Nagaland Administration with a view to maintaining law and order this was agreed to by the Nagaland Administration. But that does not mean that Phizo runs the Nagaland Administration.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: May I know whether the request made by Phizo is in consequence of the discussions held with him by one of the Parliamentary Secretaries to the Prime Minister, and whether that acceptance has been reversed now on account of any intervening circumstances later on?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: It may be quite possible that as a result of the discussions of the Parliamentary

Secretary with Shri Phizo he might have agreed to talk with the Nagaland Administration.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: It is not a question of "might have agreed"; it is a question of facts. Does the Government claim or does it not know that a Parliamentary Secretary actually talked with Phizo? Where is the question of "might have agreed"? We would like to know specifically whether this was agreed to with him.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Sir,.....

Mr. Speaker: If the Prime Minister so desires he can sit and reply.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: It does not make any difference.

Mr Speaker: It is the desire of the House that I should request him to sit and answer.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I am very grateful to you, Sir. When I feel like it I shall do that.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : कभी-कभी स्पीकर की बात मान लेनी चाहिए ।

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not know what the exact conversation was, but it is quite possible that the Parliamentary Secretary might have suggested to him this question of discussing it with the Nagaland Government.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: May I remind the Prime Minister of the statement he made in the last session, either in answer to a question or during a half-hour discussion, to the effect that Shri Phizo is receiving, either overtly or covertly, arms from Pakistan, if not from China as well; and, if that be so, is it the policy of the Government to give all sorts of facilities to one who is in league with

one or both of our present enemies and so is a near traitor to our country?

The Minister Without Portfolio (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): In so far as some of the Nagas are concerned it is true that they have been trying to get help from Pakistan in arms and perhaps in training also. But in so far as Shri Phizo is concerned, as the House knows, he is now outside India and in spite of his past activities the Government of India felt that if he wanted to come over to Nagaland and have a talk with the representatives of the present Government there the Government of India might not come in the way because we want peace in Nagaland. The main point is that Mr. Phizo has to come here and talk in the present context of things where no constitutional change is possible. We have made a special case about Nagaland. It has been given full autonomy, it is a full State and the people of that area have got the fullest opportunity to participate in the governance of that area. In this context if Mr. Phizo wants to come and meet the Chief Minister and others, the Government of India will allow him to do so. If Mr. Phizo desires not to come here, well, he may gladly do as he likes. It is for him to decide whether he wants to come here or not.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : मि० फ़िज़ो इस शक्तिशाली सरकार की इजाज़त के बग़ैर इंग्लैण्ड चले गए थे। क्या सरकार बतला सकती है कि भागने वाले और उसको शैल्टर देने के खिलाफ़ उसने क्या ऐक्शन लिया है ?

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Shri Swell: The Minister of State for External Affairs has just now stated that on the request of the Chief Minister of Nagaland the Government of India had agreed to give safe conduct guarantee to Mr. Phizo if he decides to come and have a talk with him. May I know from the Prime Minister whether the Government leaves the field free to the Chief Minister of Nagaland and Mr. Phizo? Do they not want to impose any conditions whatsoever in the interests of peace in that area?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: It is not quite clear as to what the hon. Member desires to know. We do not want to impose any condition which has not been imposed by the Nagaland Government themselves. The Nagaland Government and the Government of India are entirely at one in this matter. Mr. Phizo was told that he could come here at the request of the Nagaland Government and on the conditions laid down by the Nagaland Government.

Shri J. B. S. Bist: May I know how long this period of offer to visit Nagaland will last?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: No period is prescribed.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : सरकार की तरफ़ से अभी जो जवाब दिया गया है, उससे मालूम हुआ कि नागालैण्ड गवर्नमेंट की तरफ़ से यह सुझाव आया और केन्द्रीय सरकार ने उसको कुबूल किया। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि फ़िज़ो जब हिन्दुस्तान में थे, उस समय उनके द्वारा या उनके साथियों के द्वारा जो हिंसात्मक कार्यवाहियाँ हुईं, क्या उनको भी सरकार ने फ़िज़ो के साथ बातचीत के सिलसिले में ध्यान में रखा है ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : दिमाग में तो बरूर होगा, लेकिन उसके बारे में वह वहाँ आये और बात करें, यह मैं नहीं जानता ।

Shri Nath Pai: An impression is gathering that it is the Government of India's own conviction that no final and ultimate pacification of Nagaland is possible without a settlement with Mr. Phizo. How far is this impression correct? If this impression is correct, may I know why Government is making use of the subterfuge of negotiating talks through the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister and alternately taking shelter behind the facade of the State Government to help them when it is they who want the talks?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru

Shri Tyagi: Please reply sitting. After all, Sir, we do not want to strain him.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: It is good for me.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: We have requested him once. The Speaker has also requested him. What more can we do? We cannot force him.

Mr. Speaker: I would again request him not to strain himself because I have been asked not only by the Members of the House but by outsiders also to request him not to strain himself by standing.

Shri Tyagi: Has he forgotten respecting the wishes of the House?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: The hon. Member's belief, or insinuation if I may use that word, is quite incorrect that the Government of India thinks that nothing can be done finally in Nagaland without the help of Mr. Phizo. It is quite incorrect. But the Government of India still thinks that many things may be done which may expedite complete peace and order in Nagaland. Otherwise, it will take a

little longer time. Regarding the Parliamentary Secretary going and seeing Mr. Phizo, I did not ask him to see Mr. Phizo. He went there and saw him, and I think he did so rightly.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: But you had no objection?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: We had no objection; certainly not. The reply that was sent by the Chief Minister of Nagaland was sent without our original knowledge of it. But we had it later.

Shri Surendramath Dwivedy: May I know whether the Government of India know what are the questions which Mr. Phizo wants to discuss with the Nagaland Government? Is it just relating to the maintenance of law and order, as the hon. Minister has said just a few minutes back?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: We do not know what Mr. Phizo has in mind.

Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: May I know if any conditions were imposed, while granting the safe conduct, on the movements of Mr. Phizo when he came to India to prevent him from inciting further mischief here?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: He is coming with the definite purpose of having talks with the Nagaland administration and the only condition imposed is that the talks should be within the existing constitutional arrangements.

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