

प्रधान मंत्री, अणु-शक्ति मंत्री, योजना मंत्री तथा वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री (श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी) : श्रीमन्, जैसा कि इस सभा को विदित है कुछ मास पूर्व चेकोस्लोवाकिया में नये नेताओं ने कार्य भार संभाला। वे उस देश की नीतियों में और आन्तरिक ढांचे में कुछ परिवर्तन करना चाहते थे। इससे वार्सा मंडि के सदस्यों में कुछ गलतफहमी पैदा हो गई। इस समय रूस तथा चेकोस्लोवाकिया के साम्यवादी दलों में बातचीत चल रही है और इसके परिणाम अभी ज्ञात नहीं है। भारत सरकार नाजुक स्थिति को ध्यान में रखते हुए इस विषय पर इस समय अपना मत व्यक्त करना ठीक नहीं समझती। हम आशा करते हैं कि यह मामला शांतिप्रिय ढंग से निपटाया जायेगा। हम यह भी आशा करते हैं कि यूरोप में शांति बनी रहेगी।

Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta: Sir, the people of this country cannot view with equanimity the developments going on there and they are agitated over the patent delay in finding a suitable solution to the problem. Our Government has so far acted like a passive spectator.

The Prime Ministers of U.K., Rumania and Bulgaria, President Tito and other countries have expressed concern in this matter. Some years back in this case of Hungry we remained repicent in the beginning and we expressed our concern only when matters came to a head later on. I would like to quote a few excerpts from the resolution of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia.

"Our development today is a development corresponding to our present Czechoslovak conditions; it was with the awareness of responsibility before our nation that the Party has taken this road. That is why, however, the Party Central Committee considers it necessary to stress in the present situation that attempts to present our course as a certain obligatory 'model' for all socialist countries—are wrong in principle as to content, and politically harmful both for us and for the development of our relations to the allied socialist countries.

"The existence of differences among communist parties should not, however, negatively affect their mutual relations. In accord with the Action Programme, we shall explain and defend our standpoint that our internal development is the sovereign affair of Czechoslovakia. We do not interfere with internal political questions of other countries and we demand the same as regards their relations to our country."

The only thing that the people of Czechoslovakia want is that nobody should interfere in their internal affairs. They want to give freedom of speech and expression to their people. We have all along advocated the policy of non-interference in the affairs of other countries and adhered to the principles of Panchsheel. I want to know whether Government would stick to this policy or not?

Secondly, have our Government conferred with the Government of Czechoslovakia over this issue and also with other like-minded countries to bring an end to the hostilities there?

श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी : यह प्रश्न काल्पनिक है। जैसा कि मैंने कहा दोनों देशों के बीच बातचीत अभी समाप्त नहीं हुई है। ऐसी स्थिति में हमारे लिये कोई मत व्यक्त करना उचित नहीं है। जहाँ तक हस्तक्षेप न करने का सम्बन्ध है, हमने अपने विचार स्पष्ट रूप से प्रकट कर दिये हैं। चेकोस्लोवाकिया के सम्बन्ध में भी हमारे विचार वही हैं।

प्रश्न का दूसरा भाग यह था कि क्या हमने वहाँ के लोगों से बातचीत की है। मैंने पत्र नहीं लिखे हैं। किन्तु राजनयिक सूत्रों द्वारा हम इन सब देशों से सम्पर्क बनाये हुए हैं। अन्य देशों के साथ इस विषय पर इस समय बातचीत करना मैं उचित नहीं समझती।

Shri Kameshwar Singh (Khagaria): May I know the contents of the report sent by our Ambassador in Prague as also the extent of the Soviet military might deployed to exert pressure?

श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी : मुझे विश्वास है कि आप मुझ से इसकी सैनिक शक्ति जानने की आशा नहीं करेंगे। हमें अपने राजदूतों से रिपोर्टें प्राप्त हो रही हैं ; किन्तु मैं नहीं समझती कि उन्हें सभा पटल पर रखा जा सकता है।

Shri Madhu Limaye (Monghyr): Sir, the hon. Prime Minister has stated, "The Government of India do not consider it desirable to express views on the merits of the issues currently being discussed." At the same time she says that we have made our stand clear to Czechoslovakia. I am at a loss to understand as to why it has not been made known to the people of India. Sir, the people of Rumania and Yugoslavia who have gone there, are not American agents and they have stated that so far as Warsaw Pact is concerned, friendly relations will be maintained with Russia. In view of our strict adherence to the five principles Panchsheel, the hon. Prime Minister ought to have emphatically asserted that a small country like Czechoslovakia which wants to bring about internal reforms, should not be destroyed by military pressure and threats.

Shrimati Indira Gandhi: When the situation is very delicate, it is the duty of the Government to see that it does not take any step which would further escalate the situation. We have not abandoned our policy. So far as the question of writing is concerned, there are so many Governments in the world, but on behalf of Government no one has intervened. The countries which are speaking in this matter have different type of relations with them. At present it is not advisable for us to do anything. The leaders and the people of Czechoslovakia know fully well as to what is in their interest and they are tackling the situation.

श्री म० ला० सोंधी (नई दिल्ली) : आज जब हम लोकमान्य तिलक का जन्म दिन मना रहे हैं तब हम मानवीय स्वतन्त्रता की समस्याओं के प्रति उदासीन हैं . . .

श्री इन्द्र जीत गुप्त (अलीपुर) : भारत और अमरीका के बीच चल रही बातचीत के बारे में हमें कुछ नहीं बताया गया है। (अन्तर्बाधाएं)