

ceasefire monitoring committee. So both the trends are going on. That is why we have categorically said that there could only be a political solution of this problem and there could be a military solution, and also there could be a political solution to this problem if the killings went on. So, before we start any such process again and we do not want to go on in any long-term taking up of a project that goes on intermittently the killings should stop and there should be a right climate for a political settlement and only then the concerned authorities can discuss and arrive at a political solution so that this very complicated and vexed problem can be solved.

This leads to intervention from outside. This is not only the experience in this region but it is the experience everywhere in the developing countries or in regions like this where most of the developing countries are there. There is the big power. Whenever there is trouble or internal trouble or any regional trouble, the danger of big powers' involvement is there. Here you are already seeing all kinds of involvement and the nexus which we have already very clearly said in this House. All these are there. It is a very complex situation and it is not only contradictory but various elements and forces are operating. We have to see that we keep our vision clear of what we want and right from the beginning we have said, that this matter should be solved politically through peaceful negotiations and they should meet the satisfaction of the legitimate aspirations and interests of the ethnic tamil minority...

PROF. G.G. SWELL : My question was, in all this confusion and contradiction, in our assessment what is the authentic voice of Sri Lanka? Whether Sri Lanka is in a position to decide things for herself?

SHRI B.R. BHAGAT : That is why we wanted; we have asked for a written proposal and we believe when the Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka is bringing the written proposal, the ethnic proposal, if you may call it...

PROF. G.G. SWELL : Tomorrow they may come with some other proposal.

SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS : Sir, the Sri Lankan problem is having a new dimension. It is a threat to Indian security especially for the border States of Kerala

and Tamilnadu. The Pakistani involvement with the Sri Lankan people and intruders are coming into Kerala and Tamilnadu and there are a number of Sri Lankan nationals, thousands of Pakistani nationals staying inside this region and it has developed threat to the security of the country. I would like to know whether the Government are aware of this problem; if so whether any action is taken in this regard?

SHRI B.R. BHAGAT : We will take all actions against any threat to our security. We are prepared to do it. The Prime Minister, yesterday, dealt with this question of deteriorating security environment in our region. We are aware of that and we will take all precautions and all steps to protect our security.

Reported China's AID to Terrorists Movement in Punjab

*622. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE† :
DR. B.L. SHAILESH :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have got any information about China aiding the terrorists movement in Punjab with arms and money;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in 'The Statesman' dated 15 March, 1986 captioned "Terrorism's Sino-Pak Pipeline"; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B.R. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b). So Government have seen the news item in 'The Statesman' of 15th March 1986, captioned "Terrorism's Sino-Pak Pipeline." On 19th March 1986, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman reportedly stated that "reports carried by a few foreign newspapers about Sikh terrorists of India receiving assistance from China are surely a false rumour and not worth refuting".

(c) Government have taken note of the statement made by the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, on March 19th. Government are ever vigilant safeguard the country's unity and sovereignty against violence and terrorism.

SMT. GEETA MUKHERJEE : Sir, you know that this question arose from this report where it was said that Camper, the notorious trainer of terrorists, in his article quoted Gurpratap Singh Birk praisingly and referred that China is ready to give heavy weapons to terrorists and they have a camp in China. The answer that has been given by the Minister is "Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman reportedly stated that reports carried by a few foreign newspapers about Sikh terrorists of India receiving assistance from China are surely a false rumour and not worth refuting". The Minister has also stated that the Government have taken note of the statement made by the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman. May I ask, in non-diplomatic language does it mean that according to Government of India's own information, the statement made by the Chinese Foreign Ministry officials is correct? Does it tally with the Government information? Is it really correct that China has not anything like that?

SHRI B.R. BHAGAT : We have cross-checked 'The Statesman's' report with our Embassy in Beijing and our Embassy felt that, broadly speaking, there was no substance in the report. (*Interruptions*) Also from the Chinese regime's present posture, particularly of projecting itself as a responsible power and as a factor for peace and stability in the South Asian region, our assessment is that and we believe that this report is not correct.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : It is all for the good of our country and for China. I would like to know one thing in connection with this report... (*Interruptions*)

AN HON. MEMBER : Speak for India only.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : It is good for 'Indo-China'.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : I speak for the whole world, for peaceful

relationship with all countries on principle basis.

One thing is bothering me a little and I want to have clarification on that. In this report it is stated that the Indian officials in Washington when they were asked about this news—because that was not only about China but also about Pakistan—they said about China that 'no evidence has ever come to them about China'. So far so good. But then the notorious Mr. Camper seems to have offered to give some so-called information in exchange for a price which was declined. So far so good. But the next word is about why it was declined. It says : "...since the FBI was cooperating with Indian officials in passing on whatever they uncovered...".

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Put your question.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Is the Government of India depending on FBI for passing on whatever information they have uncovered? The FBI itself is one of the most involved agencies in aiding Pakistan. Is the Government of India relying or depending on FBI for all their information? If so, Heavens help us! I hope the Minister will clarify this. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI B.R. BHAGAT : The news item from which this Question arose itself says that Mr. Camper did approach the Consulate General in New York through an intermediary with a hint that information about Chinese and Pakistani involvement could be provided presumably at a price. You can know the character of the man. (*Interruptions*) But that Indian officials in Washington—this is again what the news item says—have said that no evidence has ever come to them about China aiding the terrorists.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : My question is whether they are depending on the FBI for all the news. What he has said, I have myself read out.

SHRI B.R. BHAGAT : There is no evidence.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Are you depending on FBI alone for your information?

SHRI B.R. BHAGAT : You should not ask for the source. You should go by the information given. We have no evidence.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI) : I would like to clarify what we do not depend on the FBI for our information. We have our own sources of information. But we also get information which is given to us by the FBI and other agencies according to the relationship that we have with them.

[Translation]

DR. B.L. SAILESH : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, have the Government tried to find out whether Pakistan and China have a hand in the disappearance of our A.N 32 aeroplane in that area? What is the truth about this matter?

[English]

SHRI B.R. BHAGAT : This question is not related to this Ministry.

DR. DATTA SAMANT : I would say that whether it is FBI, China or Pakistan, we must take all of them seriously and we must go in detail. Camper in his Panthouse article has specifically given the names of Guru Bachchan Singh and three others—I will produce it to the Hon. Minister. He has specifically said that they are taking education in Pakistan or in China. Further they say, "we want further education to blow up the three nuclear plans in India and it will be something more than what happened in Bhopal." This thing should not be taken casually.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please put your question.

DR. DATTA SAMANT : My question is whether the Government is going to give the detailed reports to the House, because whether it is FBI, China or Pakistan they are acting against the interests of this country. I want a detailed report on all these anti national things—whether they are encouraging or blaming each other in that aspect. What is the detailed report of these three nations against all such reports?

SHRI B.R. BHAGAT : On this matter, as I said, we made enquiries ourselves both in Washington as well as in Beijing. We have found no evidence of the Chinese involvement in this matter. As for the Sino-Pakistan nexus, that is a well-known thing. They have close cooperation—one in the economic field and the other in the military field. All that is there and that is a separate matter.

Associations Working for Welfare of Blind

*623. **DR. PHULRENU GUHA :** Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of associations/organisations engaged for the welfare of blind getting grant from Government; and

(b) the names of such associations/organisations and the amount sanctioned during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI) : (a) and (b). A statement is given below.

Statement

Guha regarding Associations Working for Welfare of Blind.

Irgabusatuib	Grant sanctioned during		
	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
1	2	3	4
1. Andhra Pradesh Federation of the Blind, Hyderabad.	8,325	3,330	24,702
2. The President, Sreemanta Shankar Mission, Nowgong, (Assam)	1,50,000	1,44,380	2,64,630