

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** The Darjeeling Nepal border is fairly far away. Distance does not make much difference.

**Shri Hem Barua:** There is a police station in Miri where this happened. Information can be obtained from there. I think the Government of West Bengal has sufficient source of information from this district of Darjeeling.

**Mr. Speaker:** Government would get that information as soon as it is possible.

**Shri Rameshwar Tantia (Sikar):** May I know whether it has anything to do with the anti-Indian propoganda in the Nepalese press, and if so, whether Government have protested against it?

**Mr. Speaker:** This refers to a particular incident.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह (वाराणसी) : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि ये जो लोग हताहत हुए हैं ये भारतीय हैं या नेपाली हैं ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : गालिबन भारतीय होंगे । लेकिन इसका जवाब पूरी तहकीकात के बाद ही दिया जा सकता है ।

(ii) REPORTED MISSING OF ROYAL NEPALESE AIRLINES AIRCRAFT

**Shri S. M. Banerjee (Kanpur):** Sir, under rule 197, I call the attention of the Prime Minister to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:

"The reported missing of an aircraft of the Nepal Royal Airlines with Indian Inspector of Accidents, First Secretary of the Indian Embassy, Nepal and four others on board."

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** The news of the missing aircraft was first telephoned by our Ambassador in Nepal on the morning of Monday, the 27th August. Immediately, the Air Force

and the Department of Civil Aviation were requested to join in the search. Continuing bad weather since Sunday has hampered the search operations.

The following details about the missing plane have been received from the Director-General of Civil Aviation. The plane, a Pilatus Porter, belonging to the Government of Nepal was on a flight from Pokhara to Dhorpatan where a Royal Nepalese Airlines Dakota crashed on August 1st, 1962. The plane was under the command of Captain Ravi Randhawa, an experienced Indian pilot. It took off from Pokhara at 3 P.M. on Sunday, August, 26th, but failed to land at the air-strip in the Dhorpatan valley.

The six-man team on board was on its way to the site of the wreckage of the RNA Dakota for on-the-spot investigations into the cause of the crash. Among the passengers were Shri A. M. N. Shastri and Shri B. D. Sharma, First Secretary in our Embassy in Nepal. The services of Shri Shastri had been lent by the Government of India to the Government of Nepal for helping in conducting the enquiry into the cause of the Dakota crash. He is an officer of the Directorate of Civil Aviation. The names of the Nepalese officers on board have not so far been released by the Government of Nepal.

Indian Air Force planes are ready to join in the search as soon as the weather clears up. Since both the take-off and the expected landing points are in Nepal territory, IAF planes have positioned themselves to take part in the search operations at the request of the Government of Nepal.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** May I know whether any IAF plane had already flown in search of this plane?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** Several times they have tried to go there, but the weather has been so bad that neither the Nepalese planes nor our planes have actually been able to go round about that particular area.

[Shri Jawaharlal Nehru]

meanwhile, the police and others have been asked to make ground searches.

**श्री बागड़ी :** जो बात प्रधान मन्त्री जी ने कही है, उनको मैं समझा नहीं हूँ और प्रार्थन करता हूँ कि थोड़ा सा हिन्दुस्तानी में भी बताने की कृपा कर दी जाए।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** हमारा एक आदमी भी था उनमें जब वह जहाज चला था। वह जहाज लापता है। मौसम इतना खराब है कि हमारे और जहाज नहीं जा सके हैं। वे इन्तजार कर रहे हैं कि जैसे ही मौसम अच्छा हो उसकी तलाश की जाए। वह इलाका सारा नेपाल सरकार का है। इस वास्ते उनकी सहायता से ही यह सब काम होगा।

**श्री बागड़ी :** नेपाल सरकार का वह इलाका है। वहाँ पर छानबीन करने के लिये नेपाल सरकार की तरफ से क्या कोई रुकावट है ?

**श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू :** कोई रुकावट नहीं है। इस मामले में रुकावट क्या हो सकती है। वे हमारी मदद चाहते हैं कि और हम बखूबी देने के लिये तैयार हैं। लेकिन आप देखें कि करीब करीब एक ही जगह पर दो ऐसे खतरनाक वाकत हो चुके हैं, दो क्रेशिय शायद हो चुके हैं और अब हम तीसरे को उसी जगह भेजें बगैर जरा हालात के बेहतर हुए, वह अच्छा नहीं होगा।

**Shrimati Vimla Devi (Eluru):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, will you please translate it into English, because I have not been able to understand it?

**Mr. Speaker:** Two accidents have already taken place, and it would not be safe to risk another and send our plane there unless the weather clears up and the conditions are more favourable.

**Shri Hem Barua:** The planes are already there.

**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** This is the second accident which has occurred within such a short time. May I know

whether Government are taking any special precautions or any special steps to prevent the recurrence of such accidents?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** That question should be addressed to the Government of Nepal. It is Nepalese territory, and it is their plane which is missing.

**श्री भक्त दशन (गढ़वाल) :** श्रीमान्, चूँकि नेपाल में एक ही क्षेत्र में दो दुर्घटनाएँ एक के बाद दूसरी हो चुकी हैं, इसलिये क्या नेपाल गवर्नमेंट को सुझाव दिया जा रहा है कि वह अच्छी तरह से अपने वायुयानों की जांच पड़ताल कर लिया करे, और क्या भारत सरकार इसमें उसे सहायता देगी ?

**श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू :** कैसी बात आप फरमाते हैं ? नेपाल गवर्नमेंट खुद ही परेशान होगी और इन्तजाम करेगी। हमारे कोई सुझाव देने की जरूरत नहीं है। अगर हम इस तरह से सुझाव भेजें तो उनको कुछ नागवार गुजरेगा।

12-11 hrs.

PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE  
NOTIFICATION UNDER TRIPURA LAND REVENUE AND LAND REFORMS ACT

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):** I beg to lay on the Table a copy of Notification No. F. 70(37)Rev./59-Vol. II, published in Tripura Gazette dated the 10th April, 1962, containing the Tripura Land Revenue and Land Reforms (Allotment of Land) Rules, 1962, under section 198 of the Tripura Land Revenue and Land Reforms Act, 1960. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-383/62].

12-11½ hrs.

RE: OMISSION OF ITEM FROM ORDER PAPER

**Shri S. M. Banerjee (Kanpur):** I have to make a submission about the Order Paper today. In the Order