

- (iii) Display of banners at important places highlighting the theme—“Hunger: Disease of Millions”.
- (iv) Distribution of posters and pamphlets relating to the theme.
- (v) Publication of articles in newspapers and magazines.
- (vi) Publicity through the All-India Radio.
- (vii) Vigorous drive for destruction of unwholesome food.
- (viii) All State Governments/Union Territories were also requested to celebrate the World Health Day on the above lines and furnish their Reports, indicating the manner in which the ‘Day’ was celebrated. The Reports are awaited.

Medical Students

2075. **Shri R. Barua:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any specific provision has been made to encourage more students to join Medical Colleges; and
- (b) if so, the action taken by the State Governments in this regard?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) and (b). The number of candidates applying for admission to medical colleges is much more than the number of seats available in the medical colleges. No encouragement to students to join medical colleges is therefore found necessary.

केन्द्रीय बाढ़ नियन्त्रण बोर्ड

२०७६. श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : क्या सिंचाई और विद्युत् मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्रीय बाढ़ नियन्त्रण बोर्ड ने किन-किन राज्यों को बाढ़ग्रस्त क्षेत्रों की सुरक्षा के लिये सुझाव दिये हैं; और

(ख) प्रत्येक राज्य ने इस सम्बन्ध में क्या पत्र उठाये हैं ?

सिंचाई और विद्युत् मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अल्लगेशन) (क) तथा (ख) : केन्द्रीय बाढ़ नियन्त्रण बोर्ड बाढ़ों और बाढ़ नियन्त्रण उपायों के सम्बन्ध में विचार करता है और साधारण नियम तथा नीतियां बनाता है। इन बोर्ड के सुझावों को सम्बद्ध राज्य अपने बाढ़ नियन्त्रण कार्यक्रम बनाने तथा निष्पन्न करने में प्रयोग में लाते हैं।

12 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS OFF THE ANDHRA COAST

Dr. L. M. Singhvi (Jodhpur): Sir, I call the attention of the Minister of Defence to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:

“The reported sighting of unidentified ships off the Andhra coast, one of which bore a Chinese name.”

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): On the night of 14/15 April 1963, SS Jalapushpa, an Indian merchant vessel proceeding to Calcutta sighted what appeared to be a fishing vessel. This vessel did not answer the signals of Jalapushpa, whereupon Jalapushpa altered its course towards the vessel to investigate. The name of the vessel on its hull was read as CHUNG HSUING No. 16. Thereafter, the Jalapushpa called upon the vessel to which it did not reply but sped away and disappeared. Three other auxiliary vessels—spaced one mile apart—were also sighted. They also sped away.

Thereafter, Jalapushpa proceeded on its own course towards Calcutta and sent a signal to its Principals in Bombay through Visakhapatnam. The

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Principals informed the Naval authorities in Bombay and the message was received in Naval Headquarters on the afternoon of 15th April.

Two Naval craft left for search of the area the same evening. IAF aircraft were also alerted and reconnoitered the area on the 16th morning. The only vessel they sighted in the area was a Japanese merchant vessel.

It is not possible to state the country of origin of the fishing vessels sighted by Jalapushpa.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: It is a matter of great concern that a vessel made its appearance and could not be arrested or pursued successfully by us. I would like to know whether the Defence Minister, in this particular context, is satisfied with the existing arrangements and devices to detect any unauthorised vessels and unfriendly vessels in Indian waters or in the strategic and proximate areas. If he is not, is he taking any action to make an adequate and comprehensive plan for instituting such devices to detect, pursue and arrest such offending vessels?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: It is rather difficult to say whether this was offending because it was international waters, in the first instance. Secondly, the methods of detection will certainly have to be further checked up. I quite agree that there was another defect I find is that information was received in the Naval Headquarters rather late. If information had been sent earlier, possibly more effective efforts could have been made to check upon the identity of the vessel concerned. But naturally it had to be done so because the original information had to be received from the merchant vessel which had to report to their principals who had to report to the Bombay naval authorities, and ultimately, the information came rather late to the naval headquarters.

Shri Ranga (Chittoor): The question is about one thing and the answer is another. The question was whether

he is satisfied with the present arrangements.

Mr. Speaker: He has answered it.

श्री यशपाल सिंह (कराना) : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि यह जगह हमारे क्षेत्र से कितना दूर थी, और इस तरह के वेसेल्स क्या पहले भी कभी देखे गये हैं ?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: It was about 30 miles south-east of Vishakapatnam.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath (Hosangabad): Is our Navy equipped with high-speed sea-craft to pursue and track down unidentifiable vessels or vessels whose movements are suspicious?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: Yes, Sir. I should think so.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: You think so; not sure?

Shri S. M. Banerjee (Kanpur): The hon. Minister, in his reply, said it was a Japanese ship. I want to know how he ascertained it and can he possibly confirm that it was not a Chinese ship which was in Japanese garb?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: I have given the information that we have received. The one that they located was Japanese, they responded to it and it was confirmed it was Japanese the one that was located by the Liberator. But the one that was considered to be Chinese was not responsive to the queries made by Jalpushpa.

Shri Hem Barua (Gauhati): May I know whether our Air Force and the Navy are sufficiently being alerted to keep vigilance on our sea frontier, and, if not, may I know whether this lack of vigilance on our frontiers, especially the sea frontier, reflects the Government's present thinking that China will not mount another attack as disclosed by the Prime Minister to the *New York Times'* correspondent?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal

Nehru: It is a speech that requires a speech for an answer. It is very difficult. I do not know what he is referring to. My name was brought in.

Mr. Speaker: He was referring to the Prime Minister's statement to some correspondent of a New York newspaper, that there is no likelihood of China attacking us again, and asked is it due to that thinking that....

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: As far as I remember I stated there are certain political considerations which make it improbable in the near future. There are certain other conditions which may make it possible or probable. I have stated both. But the hon. Member was talking about our frontiers. It is certainly true that we do not expect an attack by China on our sea-coasts.

Shri Hem Barua: My question has not been answered. The first part was not answered.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Maheswar Naik.

Shri Maheswar Naik (Mayurbhanj): The hon. Minister has stated that an unidentified ship did not respond to the signal of our merchant ship. May I know why our naval base at Vishakapatnam was not alerted and asked to pursue the unidentified ship?

Mr. Speaker: I think he has answered that.

Shri Y. B. Chavan: I have answered that.

Shri Kapur Singh (Ludhiana): May I know whether it is true that in the current cartographical publications of China, the Bay of Bengal is described as Tibetan Sea and the Indian Ocean as the Sea of China, and if so, whether the Government apprehend that in the near future we might receive unwelcome visits from Chinese vessels to our shores in the view of the Chinese flair for transforming fancy in to fact?

Mr. Speaker: What information can be there about it now? Is there any other signatory?

Shri Kapur Singh: Is there any apprehension? (Interruption).

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Shri Krishnapal Singh.

Shri Krishnapal Singh (Jalesar): May I know if there is any system of patrolling by our vessels round the sea-cost by either our Air Force or our Naval vessels? As regards the Prime Minister's remarks, may I know if it not possible that Chinese submarines sometime or other may play a havoc with our naval vessels or our shipping vessels?

Mr. Speaker: The first part of the question might be answered.

Shri Y. B. Chavan: It has not been found necessary so far to have such a patrolling. Certainly, if there is a possibility of any appearance of such things, methods will have to be evolved to pursue them and find out their whereabouts.

Shri Raghunath Singh (Varanasi): May I know whether it was ascertained from the Lloyds' register whether it was a Japanese ship?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: I have answered that question.

Shri Raghunath Singh: The Lloyds' register contains the alphabetic list of ships all over the world.

Mr. Speaker: Next item—calling attention by Shri Kapur Singh.

Shri Joachim Alva (Kanara): I may be given a chance, Sir, because I have stood up several times.

Mr. Speaker: I have seen him, but he is not a signatory to this

Shri Joachim Alva: Maybe, but it has been the practice of the House to allow other hon. Members also.

Mr. Speaker: No Sir.

DEFENCE MISSION TO U.S.A. AND U.K.

Shri Kapur Singh (Ludhiana): Sir, I call the attention of the Minister of