

completely different. Now the agriculturist is governed by certain set of rules. The land belonging to the mills is completely a different proposition. They do not have surplus in the sense of ceiling on land. They have lands which are surplus to their immediate needs which they want to sell to improve their viability. That is why they approach the State Governments and we support their stand.

**PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE :**

Middle class and poor people need the land for housing at a cheaper cost. Now if you sell it in the open market, they will never be able to get the land, besides what Mr. Dighe said from another angle.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Professor Sahib, you do not understand there is no ceiling on any other thing except land.

**SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD :** May I know while appreciating that there should be all regards and sympathy for the labour, whether Government will consider the trick of the industrialists who make the sick mills after exploiting them for their personal benefit and give them to the Government? After the Government nurtures them back to good health, it should not return the mills again to them. I do not want this impression to go to my dear friend that in the name of labour that should be given back. Would the Government say that they will not do like this?

**SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA :** Sir, the mills that have been nationalised belong to the Government. They are run by the N.T.C. 13 mills have not been nationalised and they are only managed by the N.T.C. There is no question of giving these nationalised mills to any party. If at all we do it, we will do it to the State Government or the labour co-operatives or any such institution.

**Infiltration of Pak trained intruders**



\*46. **SHRI S. M. GURADDI :**

**SHRI G. S. BASAVARAJU :**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have adopted any further measures along the border with Pakistan to check the infiltration of trained Pakistani intruders into Indian side;

(b) if so, the total number of intruders killed in encounters of Indo-Pak border during November-December, 1986 and January, 1987; and

(c) whether infiltration from Pakistan has been reduced as compared to the earlier months?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) :** (a) BSF who are deployed on the Indo-Pak border are constantly on the alert. The Punjab sector of the Indo-Pak border was also placed under the operational control of the Army in January, 1987.

(b) 79 intruders were killed during encounters with BSF.

(c) 1039 infiltrators were apprehended on the Indo-Pak border during the period from November, 1986 to January, 1987 as against 1028 during the period from August to October, 1986.

**SHRI S. M. GURADDI :** Our Prime Minister and the Prime Minister of Pakistan while discussing in Bangalore about the intruders and about sealing of our borders, also discussed the problem of terrorists entering into our side of the border. What had happened to their discussions? After the Bangalore meeting, have any intruders crossed our borders and if so what action has been taken by our Government?

**SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM :** Hon. members will recall that after the Bangalore meeting, a delegation led by the Home Secretary visited Pakistan. There were talks between our officials and the officials of the Government of Pakistan. Certain understanding was reached, and we hope that Pakistan will adhere to the

understanding reached during these talks. And we are also very watchful on the borders to see if the situation on ground has improved.

**SHRI S. M. GURADDI :** Today I have read in the *Indian Express* that Pakistan is sending trained intruders into the Indian side. Is this fact known to our Home Minister?

**SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM :** Sir, we know that certain groups of terrorists have received aid and help in Pakistan. We are keeping a very watchful eye on our borders. The figures which I have read out indicate that our Border Security Force has been able to apprehend a large number of infiltrators. Now that the border area has come under the operational control of the army, our vigilance has increased and our ability to control infiltration has also increased.

**SHRI M. S. GILL :** May I know from the hon. Minister as to what is the nationality-wise split-up of the persons killed and apprehended? That is, among the 79 persons killed and 1039 apprehended, during this period, how many of them were Indians, how many of them were Pakistanis and how many were Bangladeshis?

**SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM :** Sir, it is very difficult for me to say about the nationality of the persons killed at the moment.

**SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN :** In the context of this very question, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister to the statement of the Director General of Police, Punjab, Shri Julius Ribeiro, that 90 percent of the persons killed on the Indo-Pakistan border in the Punjab sector are Bangladeshis. And these include women and children. These details have been published in the national press. Now we know that the Bangladesh nationals are floating across this sub-continent trying to sneak their way across the international border. I know also that the para-military forces of the army on the border cannot always make a distinction between one set of intruders and others, I would like to know whether

this is a fact and on what basis the Director General of Police has made this statement that 90 per cent killed on the borders are Bangladesh nationals. And if so, what action has been taken by the Government to prevent the slaughter of women and children?

**THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (S. BUTA SINGH) :** It is a known fact that on the border with Pakistan, we have been very very strict and vigilant about intrusions and specially in the wake of terrorists crossing the border from Pakistan towards our side. On being challenged, if they do not surrender we have taken a stand that those who do not surrender and come under suspicious circumstances have to be shot. I do not know as to where from the member has got that percentage. I have yet to see that. But the fact is that this practice has paid us dividends and we have been able to very effectively control the infiltration of these dreaded terrorists on that border.

**PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE :** It has appeared in the Press—unless it is a compositor's mistake...

**S. BUTA SINGH :** Well, Press may be a gospel truth for you, on the other side, but I do not want to go by all the reports that appear in the Press.

**SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN :** What about the Director-General of Police, Punjab? On what basis did he make the statement?

It is statement of a very senior official.

[*Translation*]

**ONE HON. MEMBER :** Kindly name a few intruders from Bangladesh who have been killed there.

(*Interruptions*)

**SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN :** You may ask Shri Ribeiro about it.

[*English*]

**SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI :** In

spite of the discussions that had taken place between the Pakistan Government and our Government, the Pakistan Government seem to take the position that the Government is not involved in these infiltrations.

Therefore, I would like to know whether Pakistan Government's attention has been drawn to these cases and if so, what is the reaction of the Pakistan Government and will the hon. Minister for Home Affairs be pleased to share his information with this House so that we may know about the exact state of affairs?

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER : That has already been explained.

[English]

S. BUTA SINGH : My hon. colleague has already mentioned about the talks that were held at the Secretary level between the two countries. The specific things which were mentioned in the Press communique also are with me.

(1) On the issue raised by the Home Secretary of India, the Interior Secretary, Government of Pakistan affirmed that, his Government is opposed to all forms of terrorism in Punjab and elsewhere. In this context, the Government of Pakistan had reiterated that it does not and will not provide any support to terrorists activities directed against India. The Home Secretary, Government of India gave similar assurances in this context.

(2) It was further recognised that illegal crossing and terrorism have become closely inter-linked with each other. While agreeing to hold further discussions on these issues, both sides decided, as an immediate step towards controlling illegal border crossings to strengthen co-operation between their BSFs.

SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI : This evidence has been put across Pakistan.

S. BUTA SINGH : It was after the evidence had been produced before them,

that they agreed to this kind of a thing.

MR. SPEAKER : Next Question. Shrimati D. K. Bhandari.

SHRIMATI D. K. BHANDRI : Q. No. 47.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir...

MR. SPEAKER : Raja Sahib, are you saying 'Yes Sir', to me or to 'Madam'?

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH : I addressed you only Sir.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : You can address 'Madam' also.

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH : I hope, you will not give us the option otherwise.

**Collapse of a bridge in Kalimpong sub-division of Darjeeling district**

\*47. SHRIMATI D. K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Teesta bridge in Kalimpong sub-division of Darjeeling district is reported to have collapsed last month in the process of carrying out repairs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and what action has been taken against the persons found responsible for the tragedy;

(c) the details as to the nature and extent of the loss involved including casualties and the compensation paid;

(d) whether Government are considering to replace this bridge by concrete cement bridge; and

(e) if so, when the work is proposed to be undertaken and when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.