

[श्री बाल्मीकी]

शहर को स्वच्छ बनाने के प्रयत्न किये नहीं गये हैं। मुझे पूरी आशा है कि कलकत्ता के विकास के लिए, उसके निर्माण के लिए, वहां मल पद्धति का सुधार करने के लिए, मल निष्कासन में सुधार लाने के लिए वहां के जीवन में सुधार लाने के लिए आवश्यक कदम उठाये जायेंगे और उसको एक ऐसा स्वच्छ और साफ नगर बना दिया जाएगा कि जिसकी मिसाल हमारे देश में और संसार में कहीं नहीं मिल सकेगी।

ये जो सुझाव मैंने दिये हैं इनकी ओर विशेष ध्यान दिया जाए, यही मेरी आपसे प्रार्थना है।

Shri B. E. Bhagat: Mr. Deputy-Speaker, hon. Members who have participated in this resolution have naturally highlighted the difficult problems that face Calcutta. I share their anxiety about those problems.

The importance of Calcutta is also obvious. Calcutta in many ways occupies a very unique position in our economic, commercial and cultural life, particularly in the eastern area. Coming from the area, I emotionally share the feelings about Calcutta. But it is a well-recognised fact that through a rather unfortunate coincidence of circumstances all the problems or rather the difficulties of urban life have accumulated in a manner and in an area, the like of which is not available in any other city in the world. Probably Calcutta can be compared in the size of its problems or difficulties to a city like Tokyo. Or there may be larger cities like New York or London. But there the problem has been tackled through a phased programme. So the position that obtains in Calcutta is not only very difficult and complex, but its difficulties and problems are of such dimensions that they have to be tackled on a big scale.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Minister will just wait. The Home Minister wants to make a statement.

Shri Warrior: About what?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Nanda): On the situation in the Kutch border area.

17:13 hrs.

STATEMENT RE: ATTACK ON POLICE POST IN KUTCH BORDER BY PAKISTAN FORCES

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Nanda): We have received information that in the early hours of the morning today, one of our border police posts was attacked by Pakistan forces in the Kanjarkot area in which, as the House has been informed, Pakistan has made illegal intrusions and set up two standing posts. Our border police fired in self-defence. There have been casualties on both sides, details of which are awaited.

The Pakistan authorities at the local level this afternoon asked for a meeting between the Indus Rangers and Rajkot Rangers at commandants' level. We have agreed to a meeting if there is cessation of firing by Pakistan. We have instructed the authorities concerned to accept the proposal and to ask for an immediate cease-fire and a meeting between the Commandants of Indus Rangers and the DSP, Rajkot Rangers. This proposal by Pakistan, I may add, is different from the proposal for a DG-DIG level meeting between the West Pakistan Rangers and Rajkot Rangers which we had made on the 3rd March, and to which Pakistan has not yet responded.

We shall keep the House informed of further developments. We are taking every possible step to meet the situation.

Shri Ranga (Chittoor): May I ask for some information? From the fact that this statement has come from the hon. Home Minister I take it that Government is still keen on keeping the protection of this part of the border as the special responsibility of the border police. May I know whether the Government would be taking necessary steps in order to strengthen, even if they are not prepared to hand over this responsibility to the defence forces, the hands of the border police with the active advice, assistance and guidance from the defence forces, so that the House as well as the country could feel assured that it would be properly and effectively protected?

Shri Nanda: Yes, Sir. All that the hon. Member has said is kept in view.

Shri Warrior (Trichur): May I know whether the Government cannot take up this matter at a level higher than district police officers, at least at the level of the Inspectors-General of Police?

Shri Nanda: That also is being pursued.

श्री यशपाल सिंह (कैराना) : ऐसे प्रबल मंत्रियों से हमें यह आशा है कि बहुत जल्दी वे यह खबर देंगे कि उस जगह के ऊपर जो लोग हमलावर थे उन को खत्म कर दिया गया है और उन की दुबारा हिम्मत नहीं हो सकती है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि वह यहां खड़े हो कर कब तक हमें इस तरह की खबर दे सकेंगे, कब तक वह समय आयेगा, कब तक हम को इस के लिए इंतजार करना पड़ेगा, कब तक वह तारीख आयेगी ?

श्री नन्दा : सब खबरें देते रहेंगे हाउस को जो कुछ भी होगा।

Dr. L. M. Singhvi (Jodhpur): We have observed that Pakistan has tended on the one hand to suggest talks and meetings between commanders, and on the other to resort to

unprovoked violence. We would like to have a definite assurance from the Government, and the Prime Minister in particular, that no effort would be spared in meeting this sort of insidious threat from Pakistan.

Mr. Deputy-Sptaker: He has given that assurance.

Shri Nanda: The assurance has already been given.

Shri N. C. Chatterjee (Burdwan): May I know if any Pakistani military forces are operating in that area, and if so whether our defence forces have been alerted or stationed there or have been sent there?

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री (बिजनौर) : श्री चीन के विदेश मंत्री श्री चेन यी जब पाकिस्तान और नेपाल गये थे उस समय मैंने सरकार को यह कहा था कि कुछ आसार अच्छे नहीं मालूम पड़ते। अब कच्छ की सीमा पर जो घटनायें घटी हैं उस से स्थिति और भी प्रत्यक्ष हो गई है। इसी प्रकार राजस्थान और असम की सीमाओं पर भी पाकिस्तान के इरादे अच्छे मालूम नहीं पड़ते हैं। आज के समाचार पत्रों को देखने से पता यही चला है कि असम की सीमाओं पर भी उन्होंने ने आक्रमण किया है। क्या सरकार आज देश को यह बतलाने की स्थिति में होगी कि पाकिस्तान कितनी तेजी के साथ अपने इरादों में शत्रुता लाता चला जा रहा है, उस का मुकाबला करने के लिए भारत सरकार की तैयारियां किस प्रकार की हैं ?

श्री नन्दा : सरकार की तो क्या बताऊं लेकिन आप के मन में जो भावनायें हैं वे हमारी भी हैं और इसी हिसाब से, इसी बात को ध्यान में रख कर सब कुछ करने की कोशिश हो रही है :

श्री किशन पटनायक (सम्बलपुर) : इस समस्या की सिर्फ स्थानीय और पुलिस के स्तर पर समाधान की कोशिश न कर के व्यापक और राजनीतिक स्तर पर जल्दी ही

[श्री किशन पटनायक]

कोई समाधान का रास्ता खोजने की बात सरकार सोच रही है या नहीं ?

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : इस का जवाब दे दिया गया है ।

Shri S. M. Banerjee (Kanpur): I would like to know whether it is a fact that this was a calculated attempt on the part of Pakistan to start these incursions in a particular area to divert attention from the other sensitive areas like Karimganj where they have started firing, and if so, apart from taking any precautions through the military or police to counter the offensive here, may I know what steps Government contemplate to take to counteract the joint offensive of China and Pakistan?

Shri Nanda: The hon. Member has given his idea. All this has to be before us.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I want to know whether this is a part of that, whether this is a calculated attempt, not only in a particular area.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Every effort will be taken, that is what he said.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: This is a sudden announcement without any previous notice.

श्री गुलशन (भटिंडा) : क्या यह सत्य नहीं है कि पाकिस्तान सरकार भारत सरकार का ध्यान किसी और तरफ ले जाकर के हिन्दुस्तान पर आक्रमण करना चाहती है जैसी कि बात-चीत भी चली है और फौज भी जो है वह हमारी सीमा पर उस के द्वारा जमा कर दी गई है ? क्या सरकार उस की इस गहरी चाल को अच्छी तरह से समझती है ?

श्री नन्दा : इस का हर एक पहलू ध्यान में रखा जायगा ।

Shri H. N. Mukerjee (Calcutta Central): I am prepared to concede

that Government is as anxious as the rest of us in securing the safety of our borders. What disturbs me is this continuous report of Pakistani activities of a military or quasi-military nature in different regions of our country. May I know, if, apart from taking whatever security steps are necessitated in different regions from time to time, we are doing something to counteract this kind of mischievous conduct on the part of Pakistan which, in collusion with China, is keeping up tension in our part of the world? Is Government doing something about it? I am ready to concede that Government is doing whatever it can to push them back and to secure our frontiers. But I want to know what is being sought to be done in order to make sure that the world gets a picture of this kind of pin-pricking activities on the part of Pakistan, particularly in alliance with China.

Shri Nanda: That aspect is also kept in mind.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Sir, I want to make a submission. On such an important matter, when an important statement is made, there is no quorum in the House, and—

Shri Warior: If we knew it, we would have secured a quorum.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: There is quorum. It is an important statement which he wanted to make and so I allowed it.

Shri Warior: We did not know that.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: They got the information only a sort while ago.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: On such an important matter, they must take the hon. Members into confidence; they must have conveyed the feeling to you and then you should have allowed it.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: I did allow them. **Shri Bhagat.**