

**National survey on bonded labour by
Gandhi Peace Foundation**

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*730. SHRI V. N. GADGIL:
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the National Survey on the Incidence of Bonded Labour conducted by the Gandhi Peace Foundation in 1978, foreign nationals were also involved;

(b) if so, how many foreign nationals took part in the survey and what was their nationality; and

(c) whether it is a fact that these foreign nationals visited sensitive border areas in the hills with sophisticated photographic equipment for filming?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Three West German nationals were engaged in the Survey.

(c) According to the information furnished by the Gandhi Peace Foundation, there were no such visits to sensitive border areas in the hills which are known to have been surveyed. However, further information in this regard is being obtained.

SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Sir, actually I have put this question to the Home Ministry, but I do not know now it was transferred to the Labour Ministry.

It appears from the newspapers that this Gandhi Peace Foundation has become the hot-bed of all kinds of dubious activities. Therefore, there are a number of institutions coming up. In view of this, I would like to know whether it is a fact that more than Rs. 8 lakhs have been poured into this small project. What is the data collected, what are the names and for what purpose? According to

my information, there are three Germans involved in this. Has the Government inquired into their antecedents? The names of these Germans are, Mr. Arnult Lorentz, Mr. Irmel Marla and Mr. Michael Wetzel. Why should these Germans come here and inquire into all kinds of things including collecting data? Has the Government inquired into their antecedents?

SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA: The Government is inquiring into the antecedents of these three West Germans about whom the hon. Member referred. The matter is in the Home Ministry they are inquiring about it.

About the funding of this survey. I would like to tell the House that this survey was conducted, as the hon. Member has mentioned, by Gandhi Peace Foundation and that survey was funded by the Bread for the World of the Evangelical Church of Germany, and so, the Government has not expended anything over that except that it secured the coordination of the National Labour Institute and so, the Labour Ministry has spent on their own personnel Rs. 11,795/- for 1978-79.

SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Sir, the Home Minister is here. According to my information, under the pretext of research, even the names of owners and managers of cinema theatres in the military cantonment areas are collected. Therefore I would like to know from the Home Minister whether any kind of inquiry has been made into the false kind of research activities.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): Sir, about what the hon. Member has pointed out, we would like to inquire into it. Certain inquiries are already made and the matter is under consideration for further inquiries.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : क्या यह सच है कि गांधी पेंस फाइंडेशन ने जो सर्वे किया है, उससे यह पता लगा है कि देश में अभी बन्धुआ मजदूरों की तादाद 23 लाख है ?

एक माननीय सदस्य : 26 लाख से ज्यादा है ।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : क्या सरकार ने इस सर्वे के परिणामों को देखा है और उन बन्धुआ मजदूरों की मुक्ति की जा रही है ? इसका बड़ा अभियान शुरू किया गया था, क्या उन अभियान का प्रही परिणाम निकला है ?

श्रीमती रामदुलारी सिन्हा : 10 स्टेटों में 1000 गांव का सर्वे किया गया था और उसके अनुसार 26.17 लाख बांडेड लेबर थे जिसमें 66 परसेंट बांडेड लेबर शिड्यूलड कास्ट्स के थे और 18/3 परसेंट शिड्यूलड ट्राइब्स के थे । हमारे फिगरज स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स द्वारा दो गई इनफार्मेशन पर बेसड है । यह एक्ट 1976 में अप्रेशन में आया था । अब तो हम लोगों ने 1,20,971 बांडेड लेबरज को फ्री किया है और उनमें से 1,03,707 परसेन्ज को रीहैबिलिटेड किया है । लेबर मिनिस्टर ने कल डिमांडज पर डिस्कशन का जो रेप्लाइ दिया, शायद माननीय सदस्य ने उसको सुना नहीं । अभी 17,264 बांडेड लेबरज को रीहैबिलिटेड करना है । हमने सब स्टेट गवर्नमेंट को लिखा है कि 1982 के अंत तक सभी बांडेड लेबरज को फ्री करके रीहैबिलिटेड कर दिया जाये । इसके लिए बजट में 3.25 करोड़ रुपये का प्रोजेजन् किया गया है ।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle

*725. SHRI K. MALLANNA. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's ambitious Polar Satellite Launch Ve-

hicle (PSLV) is expected to be lofted in 1986-87; and

(b) if so, the details regarding its preparation?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Present planning aims at the development of PSLV by 1986-87.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Statement

The Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) will be developed using various technological capabilities in solid and liquid propulsion systems as well as other launch vehicle systems gained by ISRO. Various studies have been conducted to optimise the vehicle configuration. The final configuration is likely to consist of a solid propellant booster, a second stage having a liquid engine and upper stages with high performance solid motors. Various technical studies and designs are progressing. The PSLV project has been formally organised recently and various preparatory activities have commenced.

Work was initiated much earlier on long lead-time activities. For example, contracts were finalised with Indian industries in 1979 and 1980 for production of the required liquid propellants. Augmentation of solid propellant production facilities commenced in 1980. Work started early this year to set up the required solid motor static testing facilities for PSLV. Sites have been selected for the establishment of various test facilities. A large number of R&D organisations and Indian engineering and fabrication industries took part in a technical seminar last year to familiarise themselves with the hardware fabrication requirements of future Indian launch vehicles, particularly PSLV.