

talks unless and until there is a genuine change of heart of these gentlemen and their Government towards our own Government and people ?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : This is the whole point of the talks which the Foreign Secretary had there and which we had with them. We have spoken up very strongly about the anti-Indian speeches, statements in Pakistan and by their people elsewhere. That is why agreements had not been reached. Unless there is an atmosphere conducive to agreements, in which we know that such agreements will be effective and will be implemented properly, you cannot have them. That is why we give priority to an agreement for peace, friendship and cooperation. That is the very base. If that is decided upon and agreed to, then, automatically we can proceed a better relationship.

Visit of US Vice-President

*153. **SHRI N. DENNIS :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vice-President of U.S.A. had recently been on an official visit to India;

(b) if so, whether any voice was raised by India regarding U.S. Arms supply to Pakistan and their assurance that it will not be utilized against India, in view of our past experience; and

(c) if so, the outcome of the talks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir; the Vice President paid an official visit to India from the 12th to the 15th May.

(b) and (c) Government of India's strong concern over the massive supply of sophisticated arms by the United States to Pakistan was reiterated to the Vice President on more than one occasion.

SHRI N. DENNIS : Sir, from press reports, it is seen that the US Vice President declined to give an assurance that US arms

to Pakistan would not be used against India, by merely saying that it is not directed against India, citing wrong comparisons about our arms purchase from other countries and using Afghanistan as an alibi. So, that means Pakistan is free to use these arms against any country including India and that is our past experience. May I know whether this denial could be taken as an advance caution that the intention of US administration is encirclement or destabilisation of this country, which is a potential threat to our peace and security ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : Sir, I cannot say that this is the intention of the United States Administration. But it is true that we are deeply concerned over the induction of sophisticated weapons on a massive scale in our neighbourhood and in the Indian Ocean as a whole. Specially because most of the armed forces and weapons are still on our border. We have no doubt that they are not going to be used against any other country. We have taken this up with the Government of the United States on many occasions. Their excuse, as the Hon. House knows, is that the situation in Afghanistan, compels them to give these arms. But as I have said, the guns are not pointing in that direction at all. Pakistan is taking the fullest advantage of the situation in Afghanistan so as to try and get more and more help. And all this is increasing tension in our area.

SHRI N. DENNIS : May I know whether the concern expressed to him by our country regarding the arms aid to Pakistan would result in any change or modification in the Indo-Pakistan relations and also whether India sought the assistance of U.S. for bringing about normalization in this region. What is the positive achievement for our country, as a result of the visit of Mr. Bush ?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : I have already said that the induction of these sophisticated weapons has increased the tension, has vitiated the atmosphere. We were trying to create an atmosphere of friendship, but this has vitiated it. It has also imposed a very heavy burden on us,

because we cannot afford to be negligent of our own defence. All this was pointed out to Vice President Bush, as well as at different levels of U.S. Government. But there has been little appreciation there of these concerns of ours.

श्री राम विलास पासवान : अध्यक्ष जी, जब अमरीका के उप-राष्ट्रपति आये थे उस समय में पेपर्स में निकला था कि दोनों देशों के नेताओं में बातचीत काफी हद तक अच्छी रही। तो मैं सरकार से जानना चाहता हूँ कि जहाँ सरकार विदेशी हाथ का इस्तेमाल करती है प्रत्येक चीज में वहाँ सरकार का जो मतलब है वह सी. आई. ए. से भी होता है। तो क्या सरकार ने उप-राष्ट्रपति से इस सम्बन्ध में जिक्र किया था कि हिन्दुस्तान के आन्तरिक मामले में सी.आई.ए. का दखल होता है? और यदि हाँ, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है? और मैं प्रधानमंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि अभी उन्होंने पढ़ा होगा जो एस. गोपाल हैं, श्री राधाकृष्णन के लड़के, उन्होंने रहस्योद्घाटन किया है। डा.एस.ओ. मथाई के सम्बन्ध में कि इनका भी सम्बन्ध सी.आई.ए. से रहा है। इस सम्बन्ध में आपने कोई जांच कराई है? यदि हाँ, तो क्या है?

श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी : जहाँ तक ताल्लुक है आपके आखिरी प्रश्न का जहाँ तक मुझे मालूम है कोई जांच अभी नहीं हुई है। उस वक्त उनके खिलाफ कुछ दूसरे आरोप लगे थे और उसमें जरूर जांच हुई थी। और यही कारण था कि वह हटाये गये थे।

जहाँ तक आपने बातचीत का जिक्र किया है तो अब बातचीत जब ऐसे लोग आते हैं तो हमेशा ही फ्रेंक और फ्रेंडली, यह दो शब्द हैं, जो हमेशा ही कहे जाते हैं और बातचीत उस स्तर पर होती भी है। यानी उनसे हम कोई

लड़ाई तो करते नहीं हैं जो बातचीत करने आये हैं। लेकिन बहुत से विषय ऐसे होते हैं जिसमें हमारी राय बहुत ही डायमीट्रिकली अपोज्ड भी होती है, कभी थोड़ा फर्क होता है और वह हम जाहिर कर देते हैं। और हम समझते हैं कि इसमें कुछ लाभ है कि वह जाने हमारी क्या राय है। वह माने या नहीं यह दूसरी बात है। लेकिन यह जरूरी है कि वह हमसे जाने, क्योंकि कभी-कभी यह होता है कि अगर हम गुल नहीं मचा रहे हैं तो स्वीकार कर लिया कि यह चीज ठीक है। इसलिये घड़ी-घड़ी हमें बताना होता है कि हमारा असेसमेंट यह है, यह हो रहा है।

मगर माननीय सदस्य ने एक बड़ी अजब चीज ऐसी कही है कि—

Government has used the foreign hand.
Government has not used any foreign hand.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN :
Government had alleged that there was a foreign hand, viz. of C.I.A.

श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी : आपने कहा गवर्नमेंट ने इस्तेमाल किया, जहाँ तक मैंने सुना। शायद गलत सुना हो। हमने कोई फीरेन हैंड अपना कहीं डाला नहीं है।

और जहाँ तक जो दूसरी बात आपने कही उसके बारे में अभी पंजाब पर जब यहाँ बहस हुई तो उस पर भी मैंने जवाब दिया था कि इन बातों का कोई बहुत फूल प्रूफ ऐवीडेंस, फूलप्रूफ सबूत कभी नहीं मिलता है। जहाँ दूसरे देशों में भी ऐसी बातें हुई हैं वहाँ भी उस समय कई लोगों को लगता था कि ऐसा हुआ है। लेकिन बहुत से लोगों ने इन्कार किया। आखिर में जब उनकी पुस्तक निकली और आर्टिकल्स इत्यादि निकले तब

जाकर पता चला कि ऐसा हुआ था। उसमें उस प्रकार का सबूत कभी होता नहीं है।

PROF. K. K. TEWARY : The induction of sophisticated weaponry in our neighbourhood, particularly in Pakistan, poses a threat to our security ; and as our past experience shows, the weapons supplied by America had always been used against us. But what is frightening is the mounting evidence of collaboration between China and Pakistan in the nuclear field. And this has become all the more frightening in view of America-China collaboration in the field of nuclear know-how. Has this aspect been gone into ? May I know whether the money supplied by CIA for training Mujahids against Afghanistan is being used in these training camps are being used for training supporters of Khalistan movement and extremists in J & K ?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : I have no information about what and how money is being used. It is true that China—you must have read in the newspapers—has denied supplying any nuclear know-how. But American sources themselves are reporting that this is a fact.

MR. SPEAKER : The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Killing of Persons by Terrorists in Tripura

*142. **SHRI B.V. DESAI :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the terrorists in Tripura have raised their activities and have been killing a number of people in the State for the last one month ;

(b) if so, the total number of deaths due to extremist activities ;

(c) the total number of extremists so far apprehended by the security forces ; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to deal with these extremists in view of their increasing activities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In July 1984, seven persons were killed.

(c) 24 extremists have been apprehended by the security forces, so far, during 1984.

(d) According to the State Government of Tripura, intensive combined combing operations have been undertaken to nab the extremists. For border security duties and with a view to prevent infiltration of insurgents into Tripura from across the border, the strength of the Central Security forces has been augmented.

Talks Held with Sri Lanka President

*144. **SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU :**

SHRI RAGHUNATH SINGH VERMA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the outcome of the discussions held with the President of Sri Lanka who visited India recently, with regard to the ethnic problem in that country ;

(b) whether any fresh proposals were put forward by either side for consideration ; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) to (c) During President Jayewardene's visit to India the ethnic