

## LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Wednesday, April 20, 1983|Chaitra 30,  
1905 (Saka)  
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MR. SPEAKER : Now Questions.  
Mr. Lakkappa. Today also we are  
starting with Mr. Lakkappa. I do not  
know; there must be something in it.  
Furthermore Mr. Gulsher Ahmed is not  
present here. I think he has manoeuvr-  
ed it, just a friendly persuasion.

Assassination and Kidnapping Attempts  
on N. A. M. Delegates at Palam  
Airport

\*704. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :

SHRI GULSHER AHMED :  
Will the Minister of HOME Affairs be  
pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the  
notice of Government that some  
assassination/kidnapping attempts were  
made on the N.A.M. delegates at Palam  
Airport;

(b) if so, full facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN  
THE MINISTRY OF HOME  
AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUB-

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BAIAH) : (a) The Government is not  
aware of any such incident.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : My ques-  
tion is based on a newspaper report,  
which appeared in THE HINDUSTAN  
TIMES of 6th March, 1983 under the  
caption 'Drama at Palam'. The  
newspaper report says :

"High tension drama was witnessed  
in the early hours of today when an  
Iranian military cargo aircraft made  
an unscheduled landing at Palam  
airport.

The airport authorities sounded a  
red alert as the aircraft crew  
refused to identify themselves  
despite requests from the control  
tower.

The aircraft is learnt to be  
American made C-130 with 14th  
military personnel on board. The  
plane brought a bullet-proof car,  
3 motor cycles and some arms."

I would like to know whether there  
is any truth in this news item. Was  
there any attempt by the extremist  
elements to disrupt the successful Non-  
Alignment Conference, which took place  
in this country, under the able leadership  
of born leaders? I would like to  
know whether there is any truth in it  
and, if not....

MR. SPEAKER : If not, why not ?

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY :  
Is he referring to Shri Morarji Desai ?

MR. SPEAKER : If the Minister  
denies it, still he will not believe it.

**SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :** Was any investigation made on this reported news item ? Has any effort been made to find out the truth ?

**SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH :** Before I answer the supplementary of the hon. Member, I would like to place on record the wonderful work done by the security staff in ensuring the security arrangements and smooth functioning of the biggest conference ever held in the country, in making a success of NAM and also Asiad.

Coming to the supplementary put by my hon. Friend, it is not factually correct. It is a fact that a plane did land at the Palam airport. It was intended to augment the security arrangements that were being made by us for the VIPs of those countries. When the Head of the State goes to another country, it is customary in certain countries for them to take along with them the security staff. The other things which are mentioned by Shri Lakkappa are not borne out by facts.

**THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.C. SETHI) :** I would like to add that the matter was sorted out at the Palam itself by contacting the concerned Embassy and only 30 security people were allowed to get down and about 200 were asked to go back.

**SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER :** What was the name of that country ?

**MR. SPEAKER :** He has already said it.

**SHRI ERA ANBARASU :** Sir, is, it a fact...

**MR. SPEAKER :** Mr. Anbarasu, what is there more in it ?

**SHRI ERA ANBARASU :** Sir, is it a fact that the students of pro-Khomeini were armed with sophisticated weapons at the time of NAM to thwart the attack by the anti-Khomeini or by Iraqi commandoes ? If so, will the

Home Minister tell us whether the Government of India found such...

**MR. SPEAKER :** That does not come out of this question.

**SHRI ERA ANBARASU :** ...sophisticated weapons at the time of NAM ?

**MR. SPEAKER :** This has nothing to do with this question.

**SHRI ERA ANBARASU :** Sir, they have smuggled weapons...

*(Interruptions)*

**MR. SPEAKER :** No, this is not relevant to this question. Now, Questions No. 705-Shri Giridhar Gomango.

#### Commissioning of Rolling Mill and Fabrication Unit by NALCO

\*705. **SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Aluminium Company Ltd. has started work on the Rolling Mill and Fabrication unit based on aluminium to be produced by Angul Smelter in Orissa;

(b) if so, what is the location of such units and total investment required for the units;

(c) what are the items of aluminium end-products to be fabricated in these units; and

(d) the expected date of commissioning of these units ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE) :** (a) to (d) National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) has commissioned the National Industrial Development Corporation Limited (NIDC) for a market study for down-stream products