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Wednesday, 22nd May, 1957

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair.]

#### MEMBERS SWORN

**Mr. Speaker:** Such of those hon. Members as have not taken the oath or made the affirmation may now do so.

**Shri B. C. Ghose (Barrackpore).**

#### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### भारत अफगानिस्तान करार

\*२३०. श्री श्रीनाथराव दास: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भारत में होकर अफगानी माल के गुजरने के सम्बन्ध में वर्तमान प्रक्रिया को सुधारने के लिये अफगानिस्तान सरकार में कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस विषय में स्थिति क्या है?

बैदेशिक कार्य उपमंत्री (श्रीमती लक्ष्मी मेनन): (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) मामले पर केंद्रीय राजस्व बोर्ड विचार कर रहा है।

**Mr. Speaker:** The answer may be read in English also.

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** (a) Yes.

(b) The matter is receiving attention in the Central Board of Revenue.

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**Shri Shree Narayan Das:** May I know what are the difficulties experienced in the present procedure with regard to Afghan goods being carried through India?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** There was a provisional procedure which was followed till 1955, and then Afghanistan wanted certain changes to be made and these changes were a little cumbersome. And the Government of India suggested alternate procedures, simpler and more speedily available and these are under consideration now. At the moment, there are representatives of the two Governments considering the changed procedure.

**Shri Kasilwal:** It appears that some of the difficulties with regard to Afghan goods were due to the intransigent attitude of Pakistan with regard to trade between India and Afghanistan. May I know whether Pakistan Government have relented in their attitude?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** It is quite true that a good deal of the difficulties has been due to the attitude of Pakistan and that is not the question at all as far as we are concerned.

**Shri Keshava:** Is there any decrease in the import of goods from Afghanistan to India?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** This question deals with transport procedures.

**Shri Shree Narayan Das:** May I know whether there are any difficulties in taking planes loaded with Afghan goods through the sky over the territory of Pakistan?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** That also does not arise from this question.