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*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
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[MR SPEAKER in the Chair]

## ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

## Foreign Tour of the Minister of External Affairs

581 SHRI P GANGDLB  
SHRI S C SAMANTA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether he visited Afghanistan and U S S R recently,

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks held with the leaders of those countries, and

(c) whether there is a proposal for a peace treaty between India, Pakistan and Afghanistan ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The visit to Afghanistan was to attend the Second Indo-Afghan Joint

Commission Meeting for Indo-Afghan Economic cooperation and also to exchange views with Afghan leaders on matters of common interest. A statement showing the main results of the visit is placed on the Table of the House

Talks with Soviet leaders further strengthened Soviet-Indian relationship and widened cooperation between the two countries in the political, economic, scientific and technical fields

(c) No Sir

## SIATIMFNI

At the invitation of H E Mr. Moussa shafiq, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, our Foreign Minister paid an official visit to Afghanistan from the 31st March to 3rd April, 1972. He led the Indian Delegation to the Indo Afghan Joint Commission meeting held in Kabul between March 28 and April 3 1972. The Afghan delegation was led by the Afghan Foreign Minister

2. During his visit, our Foreign Minister was received in audience by the King of Afghanistan. He also met and held discussions with the Afghan Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. The talks were held in an atmosphere of friendship and understanding based on mutual respect and spirit of cooperation and covered a wide range of bilateral matters affecting the two countries and peace and economic cooperation in the region

3. The Commission reviewed projects already completed and also those under implementation. The 100-bed hospital in Kabul had started functioning

4. As a result of discussions, India made the following important commitments :—

- (a) India would provide equipment for doubling the capacity of an hydro-electric scheme at Chardeh-Ghorband.
- (b) India would supply over 50 experts and technicians in the fields of planning, design and construction of dams, health and health services, industrial joint ventures, school teachers, and agricultural research.
- (c) The completion of a small scale industries estate in Kabul.
- (d) A gift of isotopes for medical and agricultural purposes.
- (e) Continued assistance in restoration of the Buddhist antiquities at Bamyan.
- (f) The provision of about 10 more scholarships in India in technical fields.

5. In addition to the above, an implementation and planning committee was established which would meet frequently in order to stimulate the progress of work.

**SHRI P. GANGADEB :** Sir, the statement of the hon. Minister says that the talks with Afghanistan have covered a wide range of matters affecting the two countries and peace and economic co-operation in the region. In view of the fact that Pakistan has responded to India's initiative for a summit level talk, may I know whether, on this new approach of Mr. Bhutto, the Government is also going to have such talks with other countries in the sub-continent to bring together a type of security system in this region to achieve conditions of lasting peace and co-operation in the region ?

**SHRI SWARAN SINGH :** We are in favour of ensuring a lasting and enduring

peace in this region, and our efforts in the course of the current talks at the Minister level would be to secure that objective. It is too premature to suggest any collective security system in which India, Pakistan and Afghanistan can be parties. We have still to restore normal relations with Pakistan before we can consider any such proposal.

**SHRI S. C. SAMANTA :** It is said towards the end of the statement :

“... an implementation and planning committee was established which would meet frequently in order to stimulate the progress of work.”

What is the composition of that committee and what sort of help will it render ?

**SHRI SWARAN SINGH :** I have mentioned in paragraph 4 of the statement, a copy of which I have placed on the Table of the House, the various fields in which India would be able to afford assistance, and paragraph 5, to which the hon. Member has made a reference, shows that there will be an implementation and planning committee which would keep track of the items mentioned in paragraph 4.

**SHRI S. C. SAMANTA :** Will this committee consist of representatives from Afghanistan also ?

**SHRI SWARAN SINGH :** Yes, Sir. This committee would have representatives of both India as well as Afghanistan.

**SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATTIA :** Is there any proposal to extend invitation to the Crown Prince of Afghanistan? Will it not lead to better goodwill between the two countries ?

**SHRI SWARAN SINGH :** We will greatly welcome the visit of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Afghanistan. It depends on his convenience. We have not extended a formal invitation. But if it is convenient for the Crown Prince to visit India, we would welcome such a visit.

**SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI** A part of Kashmir is still occupied by Pakistan. Are we going to put forward any proposals before this Joint Commission to get back that part of Kashmir which is occupied by Pakistan?

**SHRI SWARAN SINGH** This question does not relate to Pakistan. It relates to a peace treaty between India and Afghanistan.

श्री राम रतन शर्मा अध्यक्ष जी, मन्त्री जी ने जो स्टेटमेंट रखा है उसके पैराग्राफ 4 (ए) में कहा है

'India would provide equipment for doubling the capacity of an hydro electric scheme at Chardch-Ghor band'

मैं जानना चाहता हूँ इस पर कितना रुपया खर्च होगा ?

**SHRI SWARAN SINGH** I have not got the figure.

**SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD** While agreeing with the hon. Minister that it is premature to suggest any such defence pact for common security with Pakistan, I think the Minister will agree that it is not premature in the case of Afghanistan though the hon. Minister has said 'No' to part (c) of the question. Was there any talk with the Afghanistan Government on this question when the Minister was there?

**SHRI SWARAN SINGH** No, Sir. There was no talk on this issue.

मजदूर सभों के प्रतिनिधि स्वरूप को निश्चित करने के लिए गुप्त मतदान

\*583. श्री मूलचन्द डागा क्या भ्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार किसी मजदूर सच के प्रतिनिधि स्वरूप का पता लगाने के लिए गुप्त मतदान प्रणाली का समर्थन करेगी और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं, और

(ख) क्या सरकार एक उद्योग में केवल एक सच को मान्यता देने की नीति का भी समर्थन करेगी और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR)** (a) and (b) The Central Trade Union Organisations have recently made some suggestions on these two issues which will be discussed at a meeting of the Working Party of Employers and Workers on May 6, 1972. A final view on these questions will be taken in the light of these and earlier discussions on the subject.

श्री मूलचन्द डागा अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह प्रश्न कि किसी मजदूर सच के प्रतिनिधि स्वरूप का पता लगाने के लिए गुप्त मतदान प्रणाली का सरकार कब समर्थन करेगी और मौजूदा प्रणाली कब तक चलेगी यह प्रश्न पिछले पांच साल से हम लोगों के विभाग को एजिटेड करता रहा है और हकीकत यह है कि वैरिफिकेशन बोर्ड वॉलेंट और रिकग्नीशन आफ ट्रेड यूनियंस सम्बन्धी मामलों का अभी तक हल नहीं निकला है तो मंत्री महोदय क्या इस बारे में कुछ प्रकाश डालेंगे ?

**SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR** These matters such as verification on ballot, for recognition of trade unions, etc. are no doubt eluding solutions. All efforts are directed to bring about some understanding. Hon. Members know at the present moment we are pursuing a course of action, in certain States verification is