

playing coal to all the industries, thermal plants and railways?

SHRI T. A. PAI: I have been collecting all the complaints. I shall compile them to see what best I can do to solve them. If individual problems are brought before me, that will help me to see whether the policies now being followed are effective and what modifications are necessary. I am anxious to see that the needs of all the industries are met fully.

SHRI K. S. CHAVDA: Is the minister aware of the fact that there is acute shortage of coal in Gujarat and industries are starving? If so, what steps does he propose to take to meet the demands of coal there adequately?

SHRI T. A. PAI: The needs of Gujarat also will be taken care of. I shall certainly look into the problems of Gujarat.

MR. SPEAKER: That applies to all other States also!

Pak Military's Border Activities

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(**SHRI V. MAYAVAN:**

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether signs of Pakistani Military activity have been noticed on the border with India; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that there has been a change in the attitude of Pakistan towards India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a). There are no reports to suggest any abnormal Pakistani military activity along the border with India.

(b) Pakistan maintains that it continues to adhere to the principle of settling their differences with India by

peaceful means through bilateral negotiations.

SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR: Pakistan is really adhering to the settlement given by one of our Ministers....

MR. SPEAKER: There is no activity and there is no need for any supplementary.

SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR: it is a matter of happiness that Pakistan is really adhering to the principle of mutual negotiations to settle their differences with India. May I know whether it is a fact that China is supplying very heavy TU-16 jet bombers with all facilities of training and maintenance, with the capacity of carrying heavy bombloads?

MR. SPEAKER: How is it relevant to this question?

SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR: According to reports distant targets in Bombay and Hyderabad can be attacked with these weapons. If so what is the action that the Government is going to take?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: Does it arise out of the main question?

MR. SPEAKER: He can ask a specific question about the border activities.

SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR: I am saying that these activities are taking place because of the aid which they are receiving from China.

MR. SPEAKER: Then he can ask a question about supply of arms by China.

SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR: May I know whether US aid is behind these activities?

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry, it is not relevant.

SHRI P. G. MAVALANKAR: In answer to the first part of the question the hon. Minister stated that no abnormal activities are going on. May I know what Government considers to be normal activities?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: For instance, patrolling along the border is a normal military activity. That goes on. I said that no abnormal activity has been seen on our borders with Pakistan.

SHRI N. K. SANGHI: The hon. Minister says on the one side that there is no abnormal military activity in the borders. Is it not within his knowledge that the Pakistani armed forces are making preparations on a war footing and that they are constructing border roads, bunkers and airports and getting military hardware from China? Is he also not aware that Mujahids from Pakistan are entering our territory and lifting cattle? Is it a normal activity on the border? In the Azad Kashmir area they are creating another para military force. When we have all that information, because of which we are very much agitated, how can the hon. Minister say that there is no abnormal activity on the borders?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: The improvement of the defences and preparation of bunkers are normal activities that go during peace time also. That is why I said that we have not noticed any abnormal activity in the Indo-Pakistan border. Regarding the theft of cattle and smuggling across the border that the hon. Member has referred to, these things have been happening for a long time. We have been taking action to contain them as far as we can.

SHRI N. K. SANGHI: In the Rajasthan border a number of people belonging to the Border Security Force have been killed in the skirmishes. Is that a normal border patrolling activity? Have you taken cognisance of this activity?

MR. SPEAKER: The Minister is not prepared to say anything more than that.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA: May I know whether it is a fact that a two or three-column press report appeared, purporting to have been a statement issued by the hon. Defence Minister from Chandigarh, to the effect that there were some abnormal activities along the Pakistan border; if so, why did the hon. Minister not contradict it earlier? Also, may I know whether since the Shimla Pact, there has been any increase in the mobilisation of the Pakistan Army along the western border of India?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: We have given the assessment.....
(Interruption).

SHRI SAMAR GUHA: The two or three-column statement came in the name of Jagjivan Ramji and not in Shri Shukla's name. Shri Jagjivan Ram should answer.

MR. SPEAKER: If the Minister says that there is no abnormal activity, why do you put him in a position where he should say that there is abnormal activity? It is a plain reply that he has given.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA: A press statement running into two or three columns came all over India saying that there was abnormal activity noticed on the Pakistan border. It was attributed to Jagjivan Ramji who issued it from Chandigarh.

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: I have already given the assessment that the Government has at present with it. It still maintains that in the peace-time we have not noticed any abnormal activities along the border. About the statement that the hon. Defence Minister made, he might clarify that to the House.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): I do not remember the Chandigarh statement at present but a question was asked about fresh acquisition of military strength by Pakistan and to that my reply was, "Yes" So far as our information goes, there has been increase in the military strength of Pakistan but so far as the activities on the border are concerned, no unusual activity has been noticed

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: I want to draw the attention of the hon Minister to certain specific reports in the papers. One was about large stationing of para-military troops in camouflaged huts on the Jammu and Kashmir border and the second was that towards the end of May in the Ferozpur sector there were border fringes. I want to know whether this was a result of intrusion by Pakistan into Indian territory, whether intrusion will be considered "normal activity" and, if it was so, what was the number of casualties on our side

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: These borders are now manned by the Border Security Force and some minor intrusions do take place while patrolling. These are not unusual during peace-time. As to the specific instance that the hon Member has referred to, I shall have to find out the specific information

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी: मंत्री महोदय ने प्रारंभ में यह कहा किया कि सीमा पर कोई हलचल नहीं हो रही है जिस में कोई खतरा हो। पर अब उन्होंने यह मान लिया कि बॉर्डर सेक्योरिटी फॉर्स है और गोलियां का प्रदान प्रदान होता है। मैं जाना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यह सच है कि जम्मू काश्मीर में पूछ की सीमा पर कई बार भारत और पाकिस्तान के सैनिक दलों में गोलियां चल चुकी हैं और पाकिस्तानी पूछ के लिए खतरा पैदा कर रहे हैं ?

श्री बिद्या चरण शुकल : बॉर्डर सेक्योरिटी फॉर्स या सीमा सुरक्षा दल यदि हमारी सीमा पर रहे तो उस का मतलब है कि यह सामान्य स्थिति है। प्रामाण्य स्थिति जब होती है या बहुत कठिनाई की स्थिति होती है तो बॉर्डर सेक्योरिटी फॉर्स में बदले वहाँ पर सेनाएँ पढ़च जानी हैं और जैसा मैं ने कहा इस तरह की गालिया कभी-कभी चल जाती हैं। कभी कभी पेट्रोल पार्टिज जो गश्त लगानी है सीमा पर वह अपना मोंधा रास्ता छोड़ कर पढ़च जाती है तो इस तरह की बाने कोई प्रामाघरण नहीं मानी जाती और यह चीजें हमारे हिन्दुस्तान और पाकिस्तान की सीमा पर मालों से होती चली आई है। जिस का हम बहुत प्रामाघरण मानते हैं उस तरह की कोई घटना, नहीं हुई है।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : अभी ये कह रहे हैं कि वहाँ कोई एक्टिविटी नहीं हो रही थी, लेकिन अब कह रहे हैं कि वहाँ गोलिया चली है, जैसे गालिया चलना इन के लिये मामूली सी बात है। अध्यक्ष जी, मुझे कहना पड़ रहा है कि ये मदन को गुमराह कर रहे हैं तथ्यों को छिपा रहे हैं। अगर सीमा पर हमारे बॉर्डर सेक्योरिटी फॉर्स और पाकिस्तान के बॉर्डर सेक्योरिटी फॉर्स का क्लैंग होता है तो क्या यह सामंजस स्थिति है ?

अध्यक्ष श्रीहोदय : अगर आप मेरे साथ बॉर्डर पर चलेंगे तो मैं आप को ले चलूंगा दो चार दिन में आप इस के भादी हो जायेंगे।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : मैं अभी जम्मू काश्मीर हो कर आया हूँ। अगर गोलियां चलती हैं तो उस की जानकारी सदन को मिलनी चाहिये।

अध्यक्ष श्रीहोदय : मुझे आप को वहाँ में जाना पड़ेगा।