

दो तीन वर्षों से बहुत हो रही है, विदेशों में और इस देश में इस प्रकार की घटनायें हो रही हैं :

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** आपने एक स्पेसिफिक क्वेश्चन पूछा है ।

**श्री रामशेखर प्रसाद सिंह :** इस प्रश्न से इसका सीधा सम्बन्ध नहीं है लेकिन इस देश में और विदेशों में जो इस प्रकार की घटनायें हो रही हैं :

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** यह प्रश्न इसमें नहीं उठता है ।

**SHRI P. M. MEHTA:** In view of the answer given, I would like to know whether the authorities at the Srinagar airport suspected any hijacking plot following the discovery of a revolver in the cloak room of the airport after arrival the Delhi-Srinagar flight?

**SHRI RAJ BAHADUR:** The question was whether a plot to hijack was unearthed. I must repeat that so far as the IA and the Aviation Ministry are concerned, no such plot was unearthed nor did it come to their notice. As regards the alleged recovery of pistol and other things, it must be addressed to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

**SHRI P. M. MEHTA:** I asked whether there were grounds for suspicion and whether after that suspicion security arrangements throughout the country were tightened.

**SHRI RAJ BAHADUR:** Mere suspicion, of course, is something on which we do not normally proceed. If there was any information, I am sure it would have been taken note of.

**MR. SPEAKER:** In the modern age, at every airport every passenger is a suspect. We are all fed up with it.

**SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:** Let the Minister take note of it.

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** मैं इस देश की बात नहीं कह रहा हूँ, विदेशों की बात कह रहा हूँ ।

**Increase in the Prices of Woollens by 30 per cent during the Current Winter Season**

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\*96. SHRI ARVIND M. PATEL:

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE  
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 6th October, 1973 to the effect that the woollens in the country have gone up by 30 per cent during the current winter season;

(b) if so, the reasons for the rise in prices; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to provide wool at cheap rates to the general public?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE  
(PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The rise in prices is mainly due to the abnormal increase in prices of raw wool abroad.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

*Statement*

The following measures have been taken to check the rise in prices of woollen goods:—

(1) The export of Indian raw wool has been restricted within a quota and an export duty of 25 per cent *ad valorem* levied on it, to ensure larger availability of indigenous raw material for the woollen industry and to check rise in its prices;

(2) A delegation is currently visiting Australia and New Zealand to make a thorough study of the procedure to buy wool in Australia and New Zealand and

to find ways and means of improving the existing procedure with a view to secure Australian and New Zealand wool at economical prices; and

(3) An option has been given to the industry to import acrylic fibre upto 40 per cent in replenishment against exports as also the actual users entitlements.

श्री अरविंद एम० पटेल : मंत्री महोदय ने अपने जबाब में श्री स्टेटमेंट में बताया है कि जो निर्यात होता है उस पर 25 परसेंट की लैवी डाली गई है, इस तरह से भाव कम करने का नुस्खा आजमाया गया है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ—हमारे देश में ऊन का उत्पादन शरुडेंस करते हैं और जिस प्रकार से वे अपना जीवन बसर करते हैं, आप जानते हैं, ऐसी स्थिति में उन को जो क्षति हुई है उस को पूरा करने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: Sir, we have already said that in order to ease the situation resulting from price rise, we have taken several measures. One of them is to restrict the quota of export, and secondly, we have also imposed an export duty of 25 per cent *ad valorem*. These are the measures we have taken. We have also sent a five-member delegation to Australia to see how the procedure of purchasing wool can be simplified and we can purchase wool abroad at an economic price. But it must be appreciated that the high price of wool is a world-wide phenomenon and a shortage of supply is there and the demand is high. So, nothing can be done in a very big way within the country. But whatever is possible has been done and is being done.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: The question was something else and the reply is something else. He asked how the sheperds of this country who are producing wool can be protected. That is the question. He says he is sending a delegation to Australia!

MR. SPEAKER: That is a remedial measure. I think he has given the right answer.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : क्या यह सच है कि कुछ किस्म की ऊन के कपड़े के दाम केवल 30 फीसबी ही नहीं बढ़े हैं, बल्कि इस से भी अधिक बढ़े हैं, कुछ मामलों में तो 50 और 60 फीसबी तक बाम बढ़े हैं।

दूसरी बात—जब अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में ऊन सस्ता था, तब हम ने ऊन क्यों नहीं खरीदा, हम ने क्यों देरी की, इसके लिये कौन जिम्मेदार है ?

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: As I have said, high price of wool is not peculiar to India. It is a worldwide phenomenon. We have also said that we have taken concrete measures. We have restricted the export from the country.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: You are making a repetition of your reply. We are not interested in it.

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: I cannot say fiction, only facts which are relevant.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: What is meant by fiction? I have put a specific question. He is repeating himself.

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: There are facts which are relevant and which I am repeating. I appreciate his anger but I cannot oblige him.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: I do not seek any obligation from you.

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: Nor can I give any facts which are not relevant.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Did you follow my question? (*Interruption*) He did not give a proper reply to a pertinent question put to a Congress Member.

MR. SPEAKER: If you think that he did not follow your question, you can frame it in the proper form with my permission, and not quarrel with him.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: The difficulty is both are bachelors.

MR. SPEAKER: Personal problems cannot be treated like this by quarrelling with each other. They must marry!

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : यह मामला बहुत गम्भीर है। मैंने दो सवाल पूछे थे—एक तो यह कि क्या यह सच नहीं है कि कुछ ऊनी कपड़ों की किस्मों के दाम केवल 30 प्रतिशत नहीं बढ़े, बल्कि 50-60 प्रतिशत तक बढ़ गये हैं? दूसरा प्रश्न यह पूछा था कि क्या यह सच नहीं है कि जब अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में ऊन सस्ता था, तब भारत सरकार ने ऊन नहीं खरीदा और आज जब ऊन महंगा हो गया है तब उस को खरीदने की कोशिश की जा रही है?

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: To the first question, I have already said: yes, the price has gone up. To the second question, I have said that we have made an effort to purchase wool from abroad but already some other countries in the world had cornered wool in a big way; therefore, we could not purchase the quantity wanted. As a result of that we had sent a delegation to see the procedures and other attendant conditions so that we may purchase wool in future in time.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, क्या आप इस जवाब से संतुष्ट हैं। क्या इस उत्तर से मेरे प्रश्न का जवाब मुझ को या सदन को मिला है? सरकार ने ऊन की खरीद में देरी की या नहीं की?

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: We have not delayed.

SHRI D. P. JADEJA: Are Government aware that the raw wool that was being exported is not to be used for local consumption and that the export duty that had been imposed has not hit the busi-

nessman or the industry, but has hit the shepherd? What incentives are given to the shepherd?

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: I have already said that the quota that we generally export is already restricted so that the local availability increases. It is true that the sort of wool that we produce in the country is not entirely consumed within the country. The question of giving incentives for export in these conditions does not arise.

### नेपाल और भारत के बीच व्यापार का विस्तार

\*97. श्री श्रीकृष्ण अग्रवाल : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या नेपाल के महाराजा ने अपनी हाल की भारत की राजकीय यात्रा के दौरान दोनों देशों के बीच व्यापार के और अधिक विस्तार के संबंध में बातचीत की थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या परिणाम निकले ; और

(ग) व्यापार के किन-किन क्षेत्रों में विस्तार के लिये विशेष बातचीत की गई ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA): (a) to (c). His Majesty the King of Nepal had talks on matters on economic and technical cooperation but there were no discussions specifically on expansion of trade.

श्री श्रीकृष्ण अग्रवाल : मुझे यह जानकारी मिली है कि जो दो सड़के समुद्र से नेपाल जाने की हैं, जो व्यापार का साधन हैं, उन को बढ़ाने की मांग की गई थी, क्या यह सच है ?

PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA: The question which was raised was also raised before but this time when His Majesty came he discussed other things; this question was not raised. But it has already