

but after the import, the indigneous production also increased and certain tetracycline stock is lying with the IDPL.

SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI : There are certain medicinal drugs which are imported from foreign countries ; they are converted and sold in different names in our country. Due to that there is a big gap in prices. May I know from the Minister whether Government is going to produce such kinds of drugs and medicines in this country so that there could be no conversion of those drugs and medicines.

SHRI P. C. SETHI : I have said that so far as formulations are concerned, they are in thousands. So far as the basic drugs and the essential drugs are concerned which are required in our country, I may say, most of them are being produced in the country.

MR. SPEAKER : May I point out that during last week, and even during the last session, we had not been able to do more than eight to ten questions per day ? So, I shall be limiting the number of supplementary questions to three or at the most four or sometimes even less, so that we may cover more questions. Those Members whose questions do not come up and who do not get their turn feel quite uneasy about it. So, we shall have to increase the total number of questions that we cover. That is why I have to be strict in many ways, in judging the relevancy, in giving lesser time for supplementary questions and so on. I would request hon. Members not to press me very much for supplementary questions, because we shall have to cover more questions.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : मगर अध्यक्ष महोदय, सभी सवालों के लिए एक ही नियम नहीं हो सकता है क्योंकि कोई सवाल बहुत महत्वपूर्ण होते हैं ।

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : It depends on the importance of the question.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member makes every question so important. Let

the hon. Members promise me that they would not stick to that habit.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : May I know whether it is not a fact that the IDPL which imported drugs worth Rs. 2.5 crores, that is, bulk drugs recently, finds it very difficult to sell them because the drug manufacturers were not coming forth to lift the stocks, although it is a fact that the total turnover of the drug industry in this country exceeds Rs. 200 crores a year ? It is also a fact that the STC while procuring these basic drugs does not go in for global tender or global enquiries, but enters into private negotiations, with the result that they pay a much higher price than they ought to ?

SHRI P. C. SETHI : As far as certain basic drugs are concerned, for instance, tetracycline, they were imported, and after the import, they are lying in stock with the IDPL. As regards the basis of the STC's purchases, I have no idea just now.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : What steps are they taking to dispose of them ?

SHRI P. C. SETHI : We are making all possible efforts to sell them.

Protest Note to Nepal Against Pakistan's Propaganda Against India

*156. **SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :**
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (VIDESH MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have protested to Nepal in regard to Pakistan's propaganda in Nepal against India ;

(b) if so, the nature of propaganda made against India by Pakistan in Nepal ; and

(c) the action taken by Nepal Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (VIDESH MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a)

Our Embassy in Kathmandu has taken up with the Government of Nepal the anti-Indian propaganda of the Pakistani Embassy in Kathmandu.

(b) The two publications of the Embassy of Pakistan in Nepal ("Pakistan Samachar" and "Pakistan News") have been attempting to poison the existing friendly relations between India and Nepal by making baseless allegations on the Indo-Nepal negotiations on a new treaty of trade and transit. The Pakistani press releases also accused India of "aggressive designs" against Pakistan.

(c) In reply to our representation, the Government of Nepal have stated that our representations have been noted and that appropriate requests will be made to the concerned Mission "not to publicise in Nepal any material prejudicial to any country friendly to Nepal so that there may not be any occasion of misunderstanding of Nepal's relations with its friendly countries".

SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Are Government aware of the firm rapport that is being established between Nepal and Pakistan, particularly after the protracted trade negotiations which did not materialise between Nepal and India, and the consequent hostile attitude exhibited by the leaders of the Government in consonance with the Pakistani propaganda and anti-Indian tirade, and if so, what steps are they contemplating to take in this matter ?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH : While it may be true that relations between Pakistan and Nepal may be friendly and they may be growing on friendly lines. But there is no reason to believe that our relations with Nepal are not friendly ; they are also very friendly.

SHRI S. M. KRISHNA : I would like to draw the attention to the hon. Minister to the hostile statements that were issued after the trade negotiations broke, by the Minister of Industrial Development of Nepal and Shri Kirti Nidhi. Bist also. I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister to the statements of these two Nepalese Government leaders.

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH : May I first correct the hon. Member because he has used the word 'broke' or 'broken down' ? In fact, the discussions and negotiations with Nepal have not broken down. Certain difficulties have arisen in the discussions and they are being sorted out, and we are very hopeful that very soon our talks will be resumed. As regards the hostile statements to which the hon. Member has made a reference, I would submit that the Nepalese spokesmen expressed their disappointment at the slow progress in the discussion, but I do not think that those statements can be called hostile by any means.

श्री राम सहाय पांडे : अध्यक्ष महोदय, नेपाल और भारत की मंत्री है और रहेगी । लेकिन मैं जानना चाहता हूँ बंगाल के संदर्भ में कि— क्या पाकिस्तानी इस्त्रेसी ने प्रचार और अधिक जोरदार कर दिया और अगर यह सच है तो नेपाल सरकार को क्या प्रतिक्रिया उस प्रचार के प्रति हुई जो कि पाकिस्तानी इस्त्रेसी द्वारा हमारे विरुद्ध किया गया ?

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह बात सही है कि जब से यह बंगला देश का मामला चल रहा है उस समय से उनका ऐन्टी इंडिया प्रोपेगेंडा बढ़ गया था लेकिन जब हमने नेपाल सरकार से इस के बारे में कहा और विरोध किया तो उन्होंने कुछ किया है जिसकी वजह से प्रोपेगेंडा कम है ।

श्री भोगेन्द्र झा : अध्यक्ष महोदय, नेपाल से हमारी वार्ता में जो कुछ बाधा उपस्थित हुई थी तो क्या उसमें यह भी शर्त थी कि नेपाल से पाकिस्तान माल ले जाने के लिए वे सुविधा चाह रहे थे जो कि भारत और पाकिस्तान के सम्बन्धों के चलते हम दे नहीं पा रहे थे लेकिन अब बंगला देश में पाकिस्तान द्वारा जो कस्ते-घाम हो रहा है उस स्थिति में भारत और नेपाल का समझौता होना क्या अब जल्दी सम्भव हो जायेगा ?

MR. SPEAKER : This does not arise out of this.

SHRI BISWANARAYAN SHASTRI : Apart from lodging protests with the Nepal Government against Pakistan's anti-Indian propaganda there, what positive action has been taken by our embassy there, that is Kathmandu, to present the real picture of happenings in our country ?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH : Our embassy in Kathmandu, through its publicity media, does take action to counter Pakistani propaganda and to put the proper picture before the people of Nepal as regards the situation prevailing in this country.

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY : We are bound by cultural ties with Nepal but there may be some shortcomings in our policy. That is why Nepal is moving away from us. Can the Minister spell out those shortcomings ?

MR. SPEAKER : It is too general a question.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : Has the Minister's attention been drawn to a statement issued in Calcutta and which appeared in almost all the newspapers that several thousand Nepalese in Dinajpur, Rangpur and other districts in East Bengal have been butchered by the Pakistan army ? If so, has this been brought to the attention of the Government of Nepal by our embassy there ?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH : The Nepal Government know full well about what is happening to their citizens in Bangla Desh or anywhere else. It is not for us to tell them.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : Is it not our duty to counteract Pakistan propaganda through our embassy there ? Why is our embassy there if not for doing this duty ?

MR. SPEAKER : I have to seek some remedy against the hon. member interrupting every now and then. In the last Parlia-

ment, I used to get over this by taking aspirin, but not this time.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : You should also protest our rights.

MR. SPEAKER : I would again request him not to interrupt every now and then.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA : I always submit to you.

MR. SPEAKER : Do not force me.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, आप ऐस्पिरिन लेते हैं यहाँ आप ने इस की घोषणा कर दी है तो वृत्ति यह रेकार्ड में जायेगा इसलिए यह इतिहास का विषय बनेगा। हमारे मेम्बर होते हुए आप ऐस्पिरिन लें तो यह हमारे ऊपर लाञ्छन होगा।

MR. SPEAKER : That is an old story with Prof. Samar Guha only, not with any other Member. It is a story of the last Parliament, it is not concerned with this Parliament.

SHRI P. K. Deo : Is it a fact that land-locked Nepal is trying to organise a shipping corporation and they wanted some harbour facilities in Calcutta, and as it was not allowed, they have switched over their allegiance to Pakistan ?

MR. SPEAKER : I am not allowing it.

Repatriation of Staff of Indian Deputy High Commissioner's Office at Dacca

*157. SHRI BALATHANDAYUTHAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (VIDESH MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Pakistan authorities tried to scuttle the measures taken by India to evacuate the families of Indian Diplomatic staff in Dacca ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far by Government to get these Indians evacuated ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (VIDESH MANTRI) (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.