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[Mr. SPEAKER in the Chair]

Shri Hem Barua: Sir, question 1330 may also be taken up along with question 1321

Mr. Speaker: All right

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

चीन तथा पाकिस्तान द्वारा नागा तथा मिजो लोगों को हथियारों की सप्लाई

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* 1321. श्री हुकम चन्द कछबाय -
श्री झोकार सिंह -
श्री प्रकाशचोर शास्त्री
श्री रघुशेखर सिंह शास्त्री

क्या बैदेनिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बनाने की
कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार न जान तथा पाकिस्तान सरकार का उनके द्वारा नागा तथा मिजो लोगों को हथियार दिए जाने के बारे में कोई विरोध पत्र भेजा है, और

(ख) यदि हा, तो उसका स्वीकार क्या है?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Surendra Pal Singh): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir The Government of India have protested to the Government of Pakistan on several occasions in regard to the

supply of arms and ammunition and training of hostile Nagas and Mizos. The latest protest note was sent to the Pakistan High Commission on 4th July, 1967 in which it was pointed out that such acts are in gross violations of the Tashkent Declaration and are in complete disregard of international practice and the Charter of the United Nations. It has been urged upon them to apprehend such persons who trespass into East Pakistan territory illegally and hand them over to the Indian border authorities.

Naga Goodwill Mission to China

* 1330. Shri Hem Barua: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that as stated by Mr Phizo in London, "a goodwill mission" was recently sent by the Underground Nagas to Peking,

(b) if so, the nature of this goodwill mission, and

(c) whether it is not a violation of the present 'Cease fire' agreement with the Nagas?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Surendra Pal Singh): (a) and (b) The Government of India are aware that at least three batches of Underground Nagas crossed over to China via Burma for obtaining arms, ammunition and get military training in guerrilla warfare. It is presumed that Phizo is referring to these batches as "goodwill mission".

(c) Yes, Sir. The clandestine movement of the Underground Nagas across our borders with the aim of receiving arms and ammunition for import into India, constitutes a breach of the Agreement on the Suspension of Operations.

श्री हुकम चन्द कक्षबाय : भग्नी माननीय मंत्री जी ने बताया है कि हमने पाकिस्तान को देनेको विरोधपत्र दिये हैं और अब हम विरोधपत्र 4 जुलाई को दिया गया है। मूल प्रश्न में चीन के बारे में भी पूछा गया था। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या चीन को भी कोई विरोध पत्र दिया गया है, यदि नहीं, तो इस के क्या कारण हैं। पाकिस्तान को जो विरोधपत्र दिये गए हैं, क्या उन का कोई उत्तर आया है ?

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: In fact, in reply to our protest note, Pakistan has denied our charges that they are helping the Nagas to train them and to arm them and, actually, they have come out with a counter allegation that the Indian security forces are driving these Nagas into their own territory who are creating trouble for them. As for the protest note to China, because we know what happens to our protest notes to China, we have not sent any protest note to China.

श्री हुकम चन्द कक्षबाय : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि चीन और पाकिस्तान ने जो हथियार इन विद्रोहियों को दिये हैं, वे कौन कौन से और किस किस प्रकार के हथियार हैं और क्या सरकार ने उन में से कुछ हथियार पकड़े हैं।

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: It will be difficult for me to give the details of the types of arms imported by Nagas from Pakistan. They take care to remove all the markings and the nos from fire-arms. It is very difficult to say whether they have come from Pakistan or not and it is difficult to give details of the types of arms that are imported.

श्री हुकम चन्द कक्षबाय : मेरा प्रश्न साफ था। मंत्री महोदय ने यह नहीं बताया है कि क्या कोई हथियार पकड़े गए हैं। उन का जवाब है कि ये हथियार पाकिस्तान की ओर से दिये जाते हैं। अगर उन हथियारों

को पकड़ कर उन को खोल घाँघि की छानबीन की जाये, तो सरकार विश्वास के साथ कह सकती है कि ये चीन या पाकिस्तान के हथियार हैं। सरकार ऐसा करने में विलम्ब क्यों कर रही है ?

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: We have got the fire-arms. I can only say all the markings have been carefully removed. It is very difficult to say that.

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : पिछले कई वर्षों से लगातार ससद् में बार-बार इस बात की चर्चा आ रही है कि चीन और पाकिस्तान की ओर से नागा और मिजो पहाड़ियों में केवल हथियार ही नहीं आ रहे हैं, बल्कि विद्रोही लोग चीन और पाकिस्तान जा कर ट्रेनिंग भी ले रहे हैं। क्या सरकार यह बतायेगी कि क्या हमारे सीमावर्ती जासूसी विभाग में कोई दुर्बलता है या हमारी सोमा पर बेकिंग में कोई दुर्बलता है, चाखिर क्या बात है कि बरमों के प्रयत्नों के बाद भी इन हथियारों का आना नहीं रुका है और यह ट्रेनिंग का मिलसिना भी क्यों जारी है ?

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: This question has been replied to on a number of occasions on the floor of the House. The main difficulty for our security forces is the terrain and the dense forest that exist on the border. It is very difficult to check clandestine passage into Pakistan when they go in small batches. That is the only reason. There is no weakness or any lack of vigilance on our part.

श्री रघुवीर सिंह शास्त्री : मंत्री महोदय ने फरमाया है कि उन्होंने पाकिस्तान को तो प्रोटैस्ट नोट भेज है, लेकिन चीन को नहीं भेजा है। इसका अभिप्राय यह मालूम पड़ता है कि चीन को प्रोटैस्ट नोट भेजने से कोई लाभ नहीं होगा। मैं समझता हूँ कि चीन और पाकिस्तान का हिन्दुस्तान के साथ जो बर्ताव है, वह ऐसा है जो चीन और चीन सीधे

भारत के पड़ोसियों का होता है। साथ ही यह है कि चीन और पाकिस्तान कब मागलैंड, मिज़ो प्रान्तों और त्रिपुरावाड़ी में हो बिरोधियों की सहायता कर रहे हैं, बल्कि वे विनाशकारी रूप और आतंक के पंथों से लोगों में जो घपरी गतिविधियाँ चला रहे हैं। क्या मैं सरकार से यह आशा करूँ कि यह इस समस्या को स्थायी समझते हुए पाकिस्तान से सगरी हुई सीमा को पूरा रूप से सील करने के उपायों पर विचार करे?

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: We are doing our very best to see that infiltrations do not take place, but as I have pointed out already, it is very difficult for us to ensure it.

Shri Hem Barua: Is it not a fact that recently a military mission of the Naga hostiles visited Peking and has also come back to Nagaland now after securing the assurance from the Peking authorities that China would supply a larger quantity of arms and ammunition as also guerilla advisers provided that the Naga hostiles mounted their last large-scale offensive against the Government of India? In that context, may I know whether Government are going to ask the Naga underground leaders to disband their so-called federal government and to stop carrying arms and ammunition or maintaining contact with China and Pakistan and whether the hon. Prime Minister is going to tell the underground leaders that if they do not disband the federal government and if they go on violating the so-called cease-fire agreement of which there has been a violation, as the hon. Minister has just now admitted, the hon. Prime Minister would not be in a position to discuss matters for a political settlement of the Naga problem with the underground leaders? Can we have an assurance like that?

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: This much is a fact that some elements amongst the Naga hostiles have established contact with the Chinese authorities and a number of batches of

Nagas have gone over to China for training and probably for procuring arms and ammunition.

Shri Hem Barua: A military mission had gone there.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: That is not in our knowledge. Actually, the only information we have is that about 150 went at one time, 27 at another time and 90 at a third time. These are the numbers of the people who have crossed over to China.

Shri Nath Pal: Those are the ones known to him. There may be many more which may not be known to him.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: As far as my knowledge goes, it is not called a military mission but some Nagas have gone to China to get some training and to establish contact with the Chinese, probably with the idea of getting their help later on if the hostilities are resumed again; it may have been their idea to have an alternative source of supply of arms and ammunition, but it is not a military mission as far as we know.

Shri Hem Barua: Mr. Phizo has called it a military mission.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: As far as the continuation of talks with the underground Nagas is concerned, it has been said here before that a large majority of the underground Nagas do not look upon the activities of the extremist elements amongst them with favour. Since the leaders of the underground Nagas who are holding talks with our Government are not in agreement with the policy followed by these people, and as, by and large, a large majority of the people in Nagaland are with us on this point that they want a peaceful solution, I do not see there is any ground for discontinuing talks with the underground Nagas.

Shri Hem Barua: On a point of order. He has not replied to my

question My question was very specific and very clear also I want to know from the Prime Minister whether Government are going to tell these underground leaders that they should disband their so-called federal government and stop collusion with China and Pakistan and if they do not do so, whether the Prime Minister is going to tell them that she is not going to negotiate for peace or for a political settlement of the Naga problem with people who go on constantly violating the so-called cease-fire agreement and at the same time go on establishing contact with our enemies like China and Pakistan? That was the assurance I wanted from the Prime Minister

Shri Nath Pal: Has she allegedly told the Executive Committee the other day that she would not talk?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): I am afraid that the hon Member, Shri Nath Pal, is right on this issue. It is not that we are not in agreement with what the hon Member, Shri Hem Barua, has said, we are deeply concerned about this matter. But as I have on previous occasions stated here, it does not help to mention all these matters publicly. I have already said that amongst the Nagas themselves there are many divisions.

Shri Hem Barua: Do not capitalise on that.

Shrimati Indira Gandhi: I am not capitalising on that. They are not so-called divisions, they are real divisions.

Shri Hem Barua: I know.

Shrimati Indira Gandhi: But we are keeping in view what he has said.

Shri Hem Barua: What is the reply to my question? Are you satisfied with the reply?

Mr. Speaker: She has said she is not prepared to say it openly.

Shri Krishna Kumar Chatterji: In view of the fact that the hon. Minister has admitted that these Nagas are being trained by the Chinese in guerilla tactics will not be protracted nature of the negotiations to solve the Naga and Mizo problem be very harmful to our national security? Are not some vigorous steps called for on this account? The Prime Minister has answered it in an indirect way. But we feel that the protracted nature of the negotiations is the cause of the peculiar line of action by the Nagas whereby a situation may be created in this country in which subversion might be possible.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: We are fully conscious of the security aspect. I hope that the talks that are being carried on will lead to a peaceful solution of the problem.

Shri Swell: Is it a fact that on the midnight of the 14th of this month, 10 armed men of our security force entered the house of a Mizo merchant, demanded money and other spoils from him, shot him dead and left one service rifle which was seized by the merchant's younger brother? May I know whether it is a fact that these armed men who were later apprehended have given out an explanation that they had gone to the house of this merchant in pursuance of directions of their superior officers to search for arms in that house supposed to be smuggled from China and Pakistan?

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: I do not know of this incident.

Shri Swell: Will he make further inquiry into this and lay the information on the Table? We do not expect the Government to be ignorant of these matters.

Shri B. K. Sinha: From the reply of the Minister, it appears that the Government of Pakistan is determined to do everything to disturb the fabric of Indian unity? That being so, why is it that we in India discourage even support to the liberation movement of East Pakistan and

Pakhtoonistan? Will the Government of India permit non-official opinion in India to organise for the liberation of East Pakistan and Pakhtoonistan because they are today under the grip of the fascist and dictatorial regime of Pakistan? Will Government also adopt a policy of tit for tat because that is the only useful policy that pays with Pakistan?

Mr. Speaker: No, no. Shri Tyagi.

श्री श्री० प्र० त्यागी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि नागालैण्ड की स्थापना के पश्चात् गवर्नमेंट ने फ़ेडरली होस्टाइल नागाओं के साथ बात शुरु की है और अब यह ज्ञान हुआ है कि होस्टाइल नागाओं का भी एक और ग्रुप है तो होस्टाइल फ़ेडरली नागाओं से समझौता होने के पश्चात् क्या फिर एन्स्ट्रीमली होस्टाइल नागाओं के साथ भी बातचीत शुरू रहेगी ?

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : मैंने तो प्रश्नवाचक नागाओं का शब्द इस्तेमाल किया है। इस के प्रलाप और मैं नहीं जानता।

Shri Shashi Banjan: Is the Minister aware that besides these Nagas and Mizos, the 'Red Guards' in West Bengal and other places are also getting arms from China and Pakistan? If so, what has he to say about it?

Mr. Speaker: That has no bearing on this question.

Shri Shashi Banjan: The question is about Nagas and Mizos receiving arms and ammunition from foreign sources. Here is another case.

Mr. Speaker: If the Minister is prepared to answer, I shall be very happy.

Shri Shashi Banjan: I can give definite proof that these 'Red guards' are receiving unlicensed arms from Pakistan and China.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: I have no information.

Shri Shashi Banjan: It must be within the knowledge of the Minister..

Mr. Speaker: He has no information.

श्री शशी बंजान : क्या मंत्री महोदय इस का खुलासा करेंगे कि भक्तवारा में यह खबर घाई है कि ऐसी भक्तवाहें चल रही हैं कि मिजो विद्रोहियों का जो नेता लाल डेंगा है उस की मृत्यु हो गई है अभी हाल में और इस भक्तवाह के बारे में जो बहा कमिश्नर श्री बी०सी० करिष्मया हैं उन की धोर से भी ऐसा ध्यान निकला है कि हो सकता है कि उन की मृत्यु हो गई हो, तो क्या सरकार के पास कोई जानकारी है कि उन की मृत्यु हुई है या नहीं ?

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: I have no information.

श्री हुकम चन्द कच्छवाह : अध्यक्ष महोदय तो उस की खोज करें, कि मर गया या नहीं ?

Mr. Speaker: You cannot do that. You have asked two questions with this, and you want to disturb.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : अध्यक्ष जी, शास्त्री जी के प्रश्न के जवाब में मंत्री जी ने बताया कि वह पहाड़ी टेरेन है उन को हम रोक नहीं सकते हैं तो सरकार की इस तरह की लाचारी है तो क्या सरकार हमारी इस प्रीपक्षि को मानेगी कि जो दुश्मन हमारे ऊपर सह लगाता है उस के ऊपर हम भी इसी तरह की सह लगावें और उन को पहाड़ी टेरेन में हम दूसरों को भड़कावें ?

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: It is not the policy of the Government, to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries.

Shri Samar Guha: It is not a question of sending only bundles of protest notes to Pakistan and China, but of taking effective steps to stop infiltration of of Pakistani arms. There are some Mizo people living in the

Chittagong hill tract of Pakistan, and almost all this arms smuggling is done through that area. I think the Defence Minister knows that a large number of Chakma people have been evicted from that Mizo area in Pakistan, and those people are now living in Tripura. I have personal knowledge.

Mr. Speaker: I know that. Unfortunately, this is question hour.

Shri Samar Guha: If these Chakma people now living in Tripura are settled in those areas of Mizo district bordering on Pakistan, then they can really form an effective barrier against this arm smuggling. Will the Government consider that question?

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: It is a suggestion for action. It will be duly considered.

Air Strength of Pakistan

- *1523. Shri Madhu Limaye:
 Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:
 ✓ Shri George Fernandes:
 Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
 Shri Shri Gopal Saboo:
 Shri Lilaadhar Kotaki:
 Shri N. B. Lankar:
 Shri Brahmakar Supakar:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has succeeded in restoring its air strength to the pre-September, 1965 level;

(b) whether the Americans have given Pakistan a new squadron of extremely sophisticated fighter aircraft;

(c) whether Pakistan has sent its airmen for training in Iran, Jordan and U.S.A. on a large scale; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to strengthen India's security?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) Pakistan's air strength is in excess of the pre-September 1965 level.

(b) and (c). Government have not received any information regarding the supply of a new Squadron of fighter aircraft by America to Pakistan or of Pakistani airmen receiving training in U.S.A. after September 1965. However, reports of Pakistani association in the military field with countries like Iran, Saudi Arabia and Turkey have been received from time to time. The underlying idea of this association appears to be some sort of mutual assistance and results in Pakistan obtaining some material benefit.

(d) Government are closely following Pakistan's military build-up and the threat arising therefrom. All necessary measures are being taken to deal with such a threat.

श्री नरू लिये : अध्यक्ष महोदय, इसरायली-अरब युद्ध का एक नक्क संधी देखा ने सीखा है, ये महान शक्तिशाली देशों की चर्चा नहीं कर रहा हूँ अमेरिका और रूस की, और वह सबक यह है कि जहाँ फासले कम हैं आवागमन के साधनों की कमी है ऐसे इलाकों में अगर आवागमन हमला किया जाता है हवाई जहाजों के जरिए और हवाई शक्ति को अगर खत्म किया जाता है तो बहुत कम भरसे में बहुत बड़ा क्षेत्र या भूमि आक्रमित की जा सकती है। हिन्दुस्तान के लिए जो कश्मीर का इलाका है और ऊपर पूर्वोत्तर हिन्दुस्तान का जो इलाका है उस में कुछ हिस्से ऐसे हैं कि इस इलाकों पर और आसपास के हवाई शक्तों पर अगर आक्रमण हमला हुआ तो हवाई शक्ति खत्म हो जायगी और आसानी से आक्रमणकारी अग्रेजों को हड़ इलाकों पर कब्जा करने के लिए नौका भिज जायगा।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, जिसके हाथ में एक कत्ता पकड़ कर जाता है, मुर्ख या लालची है वह उसको बाद में छोड़ने के लिये आसानी