

MR. SPEAKER : I have called almost everybody who wanted to put a supplementary and we have spent nearly half an hour. The first three questions were finished in 15 minutes. In spite of my reminding them that there is going to be a debate, every member is getting up and there is repetition why we should not be associated and so on. You are the losers in this process.

SHRI SURENDRANATH DWIVEDI : We must finish at least 10 questions a day.

MR. SPEAKER : Yes.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : I had said on a previous occasion when this matter came up that it is a question of explaining the policies of the Government of India. Parliament is associated with the formulation of policy. Policies are debated in Parliament and members have occasion to express their views on them. Some of the hon. members from the opposition are against the policies, some on one side and others on another side. Therefore, the matter of appointments cannot be given to the House.

SHRI S. KUNDU : It is not a question of projecting the policy; it is a question of projecting the image of India with which all of us could be associated.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : If members have any specific suggestions, they are most welcome to give them.

MR. SPEAKER : Next question.

#### DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PEKING

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SHRI RAM KISHAN GUPTA :  
SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several Members of Parliament belonging to the various parties have demanded that India should break off diplomatic relations with Peking immediately and also not take any action for the entry of communist China into the United Nations; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) The Government have seen the statement reported to have been issued by 70 Members of Parliament demanding that India should break off diplomatic relations with Peking immediately and also not take any action for the entry of the People's Republic of China into the United Nations.

(b) The Government of India do not at present contemplate any departure from their present policy.

SHRI RAM KISHAN GUPTA : Sir, what is the present policy about their entry to UNO? There are two separate questions. One is about entry into UNO and the other is about breaking off of relations.

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : The policy is that China should be admitted to UNO on the basis of universality of membership.

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : पिछले दिनों अखबारों में पढ़ने को मिला कि चाइना ने गुम्हारों को तोड़ा है, मस्जिदों को तोड़ा है, मन्दिरों को तोड़ा है। क्या इस के बारे में हमारी सरकार ने कोई विरोध-पत्र भेजा है, और जूझ का जवाब क्या मिला? इतना होने पर भी क्या वह सम्बन्ध विच्छेद करने की नहीं सोच रही है?

श्री इ० रा० अग्रत : हम ने विरोध पत्र भेजा था। इस सवाल का यहाँ पिछले दिनों जवाब दिया जा चुका है।

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : पिछले दिनों जब जवाब दिया गया तब मैं नहीं था।

SHRI UMANATH : Sir, for a number of years ambassadors are not appointed in either country between the two countries, and this is leading to, to some extent, a sort of drift and further deterioration in our relations. I would like to know if it is the position of the Government of India that appointment of ambassadors in either country might be a step in the direction of improvement of relations; if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

SHRI P. K. DEO : To our humiliation.

SHRI UMANATH : You may not like it, but it is my party's stand-point.

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): We have got a Charge d'Affaires there. I do not think that with what has been happening in our embassy and other embassies in Peking, this is the right moment to consider the sending of an ambassador there.

SHRI R. BARUA: In the recent past there was misbehaviour in our Charge d'Affaires' office in China. A little while ago the hon. Minister replied that there was mutuality of treatment on both sides. May I know whether any improvement thereafter has been made in the case of the people of China so that in our relations we stand on a par with them?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: In this matter China stands a little apart from other countries. As the House is aware, they have been behaving in an entirely inexplicable and un-understandable manner not only with India but with almost every other country in the world, even with those countries which are supposed to be friendly to them. They are passing through a particular phase. We do not know what is going to be the result. They have had this 'cultural revolution' as somebody has said, which is neither cultural nor a revolution.

SHRI P. K. DEO: While we welcome the statement of the Deputy Prime Minister abroad that we should recognise the existence of two Chinas, is it not high time that we have diplomatic relationship with Taiwan also and consider them at par with the main China?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: This matter also was discussed here, perhaps the hon. Member was not present in the House then. What I said on that occasion was that neither of the two Chinas agree with the two-China theory.—Taiwan says that it is the only China and mainland China also consider that it is the only China. So the question does not arise. (Interruption).

SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA: Sir, China might be a very bad member of the comity of nations. As regards her anti-US and anti-Indian policy, there are other countries also like Pakistan who have spe-

cialised in anti-Indian policies for the last twenty years. In South Africa they have a general hatred towards white-coloured people. May I ask the hon. Minister if any case has been made out for the exclusion of China from the point of view of India on a short-term or long-term basis?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: I am not very clear. Is the hon. Member asking whether we have made out a case against the inclusion of China?

SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA: Have Members of Parliament, who have represented, made out a very good case for shutting out China from the world body?

SHRI S. S. KOTHARI: Is it helpful to us to have an embassy in China; if so, in what manner?

SHRI SURENDRANATH DWIVEDY: It is there already.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: I think, it is helpful to us.

श्री अ० सि० सुहगल : क्या यह सच नहीं है कि पीकिंग में जितने भी गुस्दारे सिखों के थे उन पर पीकिंग सरकार ने अपना कब्जा कर लिया है और उन को जितनी ज़रूरतों थीं उन को हमने पूरा कर लिया है। इन सारी चीजों के होते हुए भी इसी भारत सरकार ने उन से केवल प्रोटेस्ट ज़ाहिर किया है। क्या इस चीज़ के सम्बन्ध में यूनाइटेड नेशन्स या जिन देशों की राय पीकिंग से नहीं मिलती है, उन से सलाह ले कर इस श्रीकिंग के खिलाफ़ स्टूडेंट ऐक्शन ले यह वाजिब नहीं होता ?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: He is making a suggestion.

SHRI AMIYANATH BOSE: Is the Prime Minister aware that breaking off diplomatic relations is a recognised form of protest in world diplomatic history, and will the Prime Minister say why in view of the present indecent conduct of China, India is not breaking off diplomatic relations with China?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: Because we do not consider it in our long-term interest.