

LOK SABHA

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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Hem Barua.

SHRI HEM BARUA: Question No.
181.

MR. SPEAKER: Question No. 192
may also be answered along with it.

Conference of Naga leaders in Kohima

*181. SHRI HEM BARUA: Will the
Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that before
Christmas of 1967, a conference of
selected Naga leaders was held in
Kohima under the auspices of the
Nagaland Baptist Mission Church; and

(b) if so, whether this conference
was attended by the Naga under-
ground leaders and the conclusions
arrived at in this conference, if any?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN
THE MINISTRY OF EXTER-
NAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SUR-
ENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.
According to the information availa-
ble to the Government of India, the
Nagaland Baptist Church Council
leaders called a meeting of selected
Naga leaders and I quote "with the
pure intention of achieving lasting
peace and unity amongst all Nagas"

unquote. The meeting took place on
the 5th and 6th December, 1967.

(b) Two prominent Underground
Nagas are known to have attended
the meeting. The conference passed
the following resolutions:

- (a) the Suspension of Operations
Agreement to be continued
indefinitely and both sides
should be strictly abide by
its terms;
- (b) the contiguous areas inhabited
by Nagas should be merged;
and
- (c) another meeting should be
held shortly with participa-
tion of the Underground.

Nagas' demand for an International
Commission

*192. SHRI SRINIBAS MISRA: Will
the Minister of EXTERNAL AF-
FAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the
underground Naga National Council
has unanimously demanded the set-
ting up of an international commis-
sion to solve the question of Naga
sovereignty; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Govern-
ment thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a)
According to the information availa-
ble to the Government of India, at
a meeting held in Jotsoma on Janu-
ary 17 & 18, 1968, the Underground
Nagas passed a resolution for the
constitution "of an International

Commission' to intervene in the so-called Naga-India conflict so as to bring about a peaceful solution to the question of 'Naga Sovereignty'."

(b) Our stand in this regard has been made clear on the floor of the House on many occasions and also to the Underground. We have repeatedly told the Underground Nagas that any solution of the Naga question would have to be within the framework of the Indian Union. The Naga question is an internal matter for the Government of India to decide and Government are determined not to allow any foreign interference in Nagaland which is an integral part of the Indian Union.

SHRI HEM BARUA: May I know if it is a fact that the new leadership of the so-called Naga Underground Federal Government has informed the Prime Minister that they are prepared to resume talks provided safe return of Mr. Phizo is assured, no preconditions are fixed on discussion and the discussions are conducted within the framework of the Naga demand for sovereignty; if so, what is the Prime Minister's reaction to this demand.

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): No such demands have come to me.

SHRI HEM BARUA: Now that the leadership of the so-called underground has passed into the hands of the extremist elements who are the followers of Mr. Phizo, now that these extremist elements have intensified their violent activities with arms and ammunitions procured from China and now that the parliamentary apparatus there has been replaced by a presidential form of government, may I know if the Prime Minister proposes to have discussions with the Naga underground leaders and if she proposes to have the seventh round

of talks with the Naga underground leaders, with whom does she propose to talk?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: There is no proposal at the moment for any discussion. It is true that one section seems to be becoming more extreme but at the same time the other section also is larger in number and one does not know who will prevail.

SHRI HEM BARUA: My question is not that. Now that the other section of leadership, with whom the Prime Minister had six rounds of lakhs, has been replaced by another violent section of leadership so far as the Naga underground people are concerned, I just wanted to know whether she wants to resume her talks and if she wants to do so whether she wants to do that with the other section with whom she was conducting the talks or with the new set-up of leadership of the Naga underground people.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: I said that there is no proposal for talks with anybody at the present moment. But when I was talking with them, both the sections were represented there; it was not only one section.

SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR: There is a very recent news item that the underground Nagas have sent about 1,000 persons to be trained in China. I want to know how far this news item is correct and, arising out of it, I want to know whether there is any means of checking these people going out of the country and coming into this country.

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: This question has been answered a number of times on the floor of the House. We have admitted in the past that...

SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR: It is a recent news.

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: ...some underground Nagas have managed to cross over to China to get some kind of aid or help from there. It is not possible, precisely, to say how many people have gone over there and how many have come back...

SHRI RANGA: That was in the past. What about the present?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: As far as our knowledge goes, no one has gone there recently. In July last, we said that some of them had gone and some of them had come back in small batches of 2 and 3. As to what action we are taking against their going out of the country and coming back—as has been said before, we take every possible step to stop that. Because of the bad terrain and dense forests, it is not physically possible to stop and check every outlet from the country. We are doing our best to stop that.

SHRI SWELL: There have been reports of a kind of split in the underground Naga army, between what they call Kato group and Angami group. I would like to know from the Minister as to which group these two gentlemen of the underground belong who attended this meeting somewhere in Nagaland and, if the report is correct, I would like to know if this Government has made any assessment of this new development and how far it is helping the cause of peace in Nagaland.

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: It is true, as the hon. Prime Minister said just now, there is a split between the two groups of the underground Nagas. The two leaders, Mr. Kato and Mr. Sema, attended the meeting under the auspices of the Nagaland Baptist Mission Church on the 5th and 6th December, 1967. They are the people who belong to the moderate group. There is a split between them those who are moderate and other are extremists. The former seek

a peaceful solution to the whole problem and not to resort to hostile activities there.

SHRI SWELL, My specific question was: whether the Government has made any assessment of this new development and how far it is helping the cause of peace in Nagaland.

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: As I said, there is an extremist element in the Nagas who do not want a peaceful solution of the problem. But it is our contention that those who want a peaceful solution are in a fairly large majority and more and more of them are coming to our side. We are hopeful that, ultimately, we will be able to isolate the extremist element and bring about a peaceful solution of the whole problem.

SHRI R. BARUA: May I know whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the statement recently made by Mr. Jamir that the situation, the hostile activities of the Nagas, in that part is deteriorating and that he said that the Government there needs the assistance of the Central Government and, further, he said that the security forces should be placed at the disposal of the Government of Nagaland. May I know what is the reaction of the Government to that?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI S. C. JAMIR): There was a news item in *Hindustan Times*. The newsman approached me for a clarification regarding the crossing over of Naga hostilities into China. So, I told him that about 151 did come back from China. That is the only thing I have to say.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, भारत सरकार की ओर से कहा जा रहा है कि नागा समस्या का हल भारतीय संघ के अन्तर्गत किया जाएगा जबकि बगी

नागा, नागलैंड को भारत से पृथक करने की मांग कर अड़े हुए हैं, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इन दोनों दृष्टिकोणों में मिलन भूमि कहाँ है? क्या वार्ताओं के इतने दौर के बाद भारत सरकार को इस बात का संकेत मिला है कि बागी नागाओं के दृष्टिकोण में कोई परिवर्तन हुआ है, यदि नहीं हुआ है तो फिर वार्ता को आगे जारी रखने में भारत सरकार किस उद्देश्य को पूरा करना चाहती है?

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय, उनके सोचने में परिवर्तन आया है। इनमें से बहुत से इसके पहले उन्हीं एक्सट्रीमिस्ट्स ग्रुप के आदिमियों को फायो करते थे लेकिन अब आहिस्ता आहिस्ता उनसे हट कर हमारी ओर आ रहे हैं बाकी यह हमने पहले भी कहा है कि यह बात जरूर है कि उनमें से एक्सट्रीमिस्ट अलिमेंट अभी भी कह रहा है कि हम आजादी चाहते हैं और हम भारत से अलग रहना चाहते हैं। वह यही कहते आ रहे हैं और अब भी यही कह रहे हैं। लेकिन उन के बहुत से फोलोअर्स हमारी तरफ आ रहे हैं, और हमें पूरा विश्वास है कि अगर उनको मौका मिला तो जो लोग अपनी आजादी की मांग कर रहे हैं वह एक रोज इसी नतीजे पर पहुंचेंगे कि उनके लिये बेहतर यही है कि वह हिन्दुस्तान में ही रहें और यहीं के अंग बने रहें।

SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHANDA: May I know whether these Nagas who are going to China for guerilla training are going there under the leadership of the new Naga leader or under the leadership of the old leader, Mr. Phizo? I also want to know what is the reaction of the Government and whether any preventive measures have been taken.

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: It is a fact that those underground Nagas who are crossing over to China and are getting arms from there belong to the extremist group which is led by Mr. Phizo.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU: May I know whether the Government is aware of the fact that the CIA sponsored Moral Rearmament Association had sent one of their representatives to Kohima very recently and if so, what was the purpose of his visit and what were the discussions, if the Government is aware of these?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: I have no information on that point.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: One member did go. Whether he went on behalf of Moral Rearmament Association or for some other reason, we do not know, but according to our information he did not meet any underground Nagas.

SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA: May I know whether Mouw Angami, the Underground Army Chief, visited New Delhi last January, whether it is also a fact that he contacted the Chinese Embassy here and whether it is also a fact that the Nagaland Government has informed the Union Government that Mauw Angami is also planning to go over to China?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: There is no precise information, but there is an attempt on the part of the underground Nagas to internationalise the whole issue; they are seeking support from China; they made attempts to seek the help of America through Phizo...

SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA: I wanted to know whether Mouw Angami visited New Delhi last January.

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: I have no information.

श्री रवि राय : अन्डरग्राउंड नागाओं में जो भारत यूनियन के साथ रह कर समाधान करना चाहते हैं और जो भारत के बाहर रह कर बात करना चाहते हैं दोनों में किस ग्रुप की संख्या ज्यादा है?

MR. SPEAKER: They have already answered this. Pro-Indians are larger in numbers.

SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI: Seeing that the secessionist tendency is a very dangerous tendency and is trying to gain dimensions in other parts of the country, have the Government made it clear to Nagas that it would neer consider their demand for secession?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: This has been done on every possible occasion. We have told them our stand.

SHRI M. L. SONDHI: Sometime back there was a Press report that the British High Commissioner said that he felt that the waters of the Rann of Kutch were flowing through his bed-room. Press reports might be misleading, but they are to be watched carefully. May I know whether the Government have studied the recent trend of articles in the British Press which seem to reflect the clear political intention on the part of the British Government to challenge our territorial integrity in various places, including Nagaland?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: I do not know what answer I can give to this.

श्री चन्द्रजीत यादव : यहां बार-बार सरकार द्वारा यह बात कही गई है कि नागा ग्रंडरप्रॉउंड कई बार हिन्दुस्तान की सीमाओं को पार कर चीन की तरफ गये, उन्होंने वहां ट्रेनिंग हासिल की और उसके बाद फिर हिन्दुस्तान वापस आ कर उन्होंने अपनी कार्रवाई तैय्य कर दी। यह भी कहा जाता है कि चूंकि यहां की स्थिति बहुत कठिन है, पहाड़ियां हैं, जंगल हैं, इसलिये इस चीज का पूर्ण रूप से बन्द कर देना बहुत मुश्किल है। यह बात भी सही है कि हमको इस तरह की स्थिति का मुकाबला लड़ाख और दूसरी जगहों में भी करना पड़ा है देश की सीमाओं की रक्षा करने में, लेकिन इस प्रकार के जवाब से देश को सन्तोष नहीं होगा कि चूंकि यहां स्थिति बहुत

कठिन है इसलिये हम इस प्रकार की व्यवस्था नहीं कर पा रहे हैं। यदि हमारे देश के लोग भारत से विद्रोह करने के लिये बाहर के देशों में जाते हैं, वहां शिक्षा प्राप्त करते हैं और फिर आ कर देशद्रोह की कार्रवाइयां तैय्य करते हैं, तो इसके बारे में मैं स्पष्ट आश्वासन चाहूंगा कि देश की इन सीमाओं पर, जहां पर ऐसी स्थिति है, भविष्य में इस प्रकार से भारत के विरुद्ध विद्रोह नहीं पनपने दिया जायेगा और दूसरे देशों में शिक्षा प्राप्त करके देश द्रोह के काम यहां लोग नहीं कर पायेंगे।

श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह पहले भी कहा जा चुका है कि हम पूरी से पूरी कोशिश करते हैं कि इन लोगों को मौका न मिले कि यह लोग देश के बाहर जायें और वहां से एड ले कर आयें, लेकिन यह बहुत ही मुश्किल काम है क्योंकि वहां पर बहुत से टेर्रेन हैं, बहुत से जंगल हैं और यह मुमकिन नहीं है कि हर जगह जितने आदमी मौजूद हैं उनको रोका जा सके। जहां वह रहते हैं वहां से वह जत्थों में नहीं जाते हैं। अगर जत्थों में जाते तो हमारी सिक्वोरिटी फोर्सों के लिये उनको रोकना मुमकिन हो जाता, और जब-जब उन्होंने जत्थों में जाने की कोशिश की है तब उनको रोका गया है। लेकिन वह दो-दो, तीन-तीन आदमियों के रूप में जाते हैं। वह किसी पहले से फिक्स की हुई जगह पर इकट्ठे होते हैं और वहां से चले जाते हैं, और हमारी बड़ी लम्बी सीमा है। फिर भी मैं माननीय सदस्य को इतमीनान दिलाना चाहता हूं कि जहां तक हमारी सिक्वोरिटी फोर्सों का सवाल है, वह कोशिश कर रही है कि उनको रोका जाये।

श्री चन्द्रजीत यादव : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं अपना प्रश्न फिर से स्पष्ट करना चाहता हूं।

MR. SPEAKER: The question was long enough; the answer much longer.

श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी : माननीय सदस्य का सवाल सब सुन चुके हैं और इसका उत्तर भी कई दफे दिया गया है कि ऐसी बात नहीं है कि हम इस चीज में बिल्कुल हेल्पलेस हैं। यह स्थिति सुधरती जा रही है, लेकिन पूरी तौर से नहीं सुधरी है।

Transmitters for Rajkot and Calcutta

*182. **SHRI D. N. PATODIA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme has been drawn up for installing super power transmitters of the type proposed for Rajkot and Calcutta at other regions of the country with a view to improve the internal broadcasting of the A.I.R. Station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI D. N. PATODIA: With a view to improve internal broadcasting, there was a recommendation made by the Chanda Committee to constitute a corporation on the lines of the BBC. What steps have Government taken to implement that recommendation? Secondly, has the scheme of providing transistor sets at Rs. 51 each by small scale industry made any progress, and if so, by what time these transistor sets are likely to be available?

SHRI K. K. SHAH: As regards the first question, it was answered on the floor of the House a week ago. However, for the information of the hon. Member I can repeat it by saying that it is under consideration.

SHRI D. N. PATODIA: By what time a decision will be taken?

SHRI K. K. SHAH: Very difficult to say.

SHRI D. N. PATODIA: He has to indicate some time.

SHRI K. K. SHAH: I will try my best to expedite.

SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH: Will it be in his lifetime?

MR. SPEAKER: We are losing time.

SHRI K. K. SHAH: As regards the second question, I have got one sample and on that the price quoted is Rs. 51.

AN HON. MEMBER: Lay it on the Table.

SHRI K. K. SHAH: There is another sample on which the price quoted is Rs. 65. I am sure that within about two months some of these transistors will be in the market.

SHRI D. N. PATODIA: Is the hon. Minister aware that on the northern borders of India our transmission is very weak so much so that in areas like Barmer whereas Radio Pakistan can easily be heard, AIR cannot be heard? What arrangements do Government propose to make so that on the northern borders of India our transmission arrangements may be made stronger?

SHRI K. K. SHAH: Four new transmitters of 100 kw. one of short wave and three of medium wave, will be coming into existence by the first half of 1968.

SHRI RANGA: We are in the first half of 1968.

SHRI K. K. SHAH: One will be in Khampur (Delhi), the second in Jullundur, the third in Calcutta and the fourth in Dibrugarh.

SHRI D. N. PATODIA: I want to know what is going to be done at Barmer where Pakistani Radio is being taken advantage of?