

spe. With his demise, a generation is passing away. The Congress Party today does not have people of that type who practise what they say. Such a person is very difficult to find in public life today.

**AN HON. MEMBER :** He was not a Congress party man.

**SHRI P. RAMAMURTI :** I do not know. When he was a member of the Congress Party for a pretty long time, I found that he was an extremely simple man who practised what he preached. I had known him for nearly thirty years of my public life. I do not want to say more. On behalf of myself and of my party, I request you to convey the condolences to the members of his family; some members of his family are here in Delhi.

**श्री शिव चन्द्र भ्मा (मधुवनी) :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं अपनी ओर से और अपनी पार्टी की ओर से श्री कुट्टी कृष्णन् नायर के निधन पर शोक प्रकट करता हूँ और मेरा निवेदन है कि आप हमारी संवेदना उन के शोक-संतप्त परिवार तक पहुँचा दें।

**SHRI HEM BARUA (Maugaldai) :** On behalf of my party I request you to convey our heartfelt sorrow and sadness at the sad demise of Mr. Nair and I join you, the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition and other speakers in paying our respects to his memory. He was a man of great integrity and he was unsophisticated in his attitude and was very simple. We had the proud privilege of having him as a Member and we request you to convey our deep felt sorrow and sadness to the member of the bereaved family.

**श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री (हापुड़) :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं अपनी ओर से और अपने दल की ओर से दिवंगत आत्मा के प्रति श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करता हूँ।

**MR. SPEAKER :** The House may stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

*The hon. Members then stood in silence for a short while.*

## ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Border Violations by Pakistanis Led by East Pakistan Rifles

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\*361. **SHRI N. K. SOMANI :**  
**SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :**  
**SHRI N. R. LASKAR :**  
**SHRI NARAYANAN :**  
**SHRI MAYAVAN :**

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some 300 Pakistanis led by East Pakistan Rifles for the fourth time in succession crossed into an Indian village, Kotalpukur, and fired on the population of the area resulting in many deaths ;

(b) whether they also escaped with 500 cattle from there ;

(c) whether some protest was made ; and

(d) whether any cattle have been restored and compensation paid to the victims ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA) : (a) and (b). On June 16, 1970, about 300 Pakistan nationals reportedly backed by East Pakistan Rifles personnel entered about 500 yards inside Indian territory at Nayandeb near village Kotalpur, Distt. Malda, West Bengal. The East Pakistan Rifles fired a few rounds in the air. The Pakistani nationals attacked the graziers with lethal weapons as a result of which one grazier died and two were injured. The Pak nationals also took away 900 heads of cattle.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 213 heads of cattle have been returned by the East Pakistan Rifles. The recovery of the remaining cattle has been taken up with the Pakistan authorities.

**SHRI N. K. SOMANI :** This is not the first time that the attention of our Government has been drawn to these incursions from Pakistan. The East Pakistan Rifles are not a paramilitary organisation or a body of militant people but a part of the Defence Services of East Pakistan and they thought they were free to come into India and loot the property on this side and indulge in

arson. The predecessor of the present Defence Minister has assured the House on several occasions that we were quite prepared on the eastern as well as western frontiers to meet such incursions from Pakistani infiltrators and military personnel. This is not the first time; this is the fourth time that this armed band had crossed into India. In view of past assurances may I know what special steps are the Government of India taking to see that such instances do not recur with impunity?

**SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA:**

The B.S.F. patrolling in that area has been intensified for more vigilant guarding of the border. *(In eruption.)*

**SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS:** *rose—(Interruption)*

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIWAN RAM):** One should note the condition of the eastern border and the relations between the people of East Bengal and West Bengal on the borders. In the first place, I may say that such instances are not of any military significance. On the borders, in the very nature of the thing, activities like smuggling, unauthorised trade, exchange of goods and so on, go on. *(In eruption.)*

**SHRI R. K. AMIN:** You say it is just normal.

**SHRI JAGJIWAN RAM:** I am not saying it is normal. Let me complete the answer. In the beginning, I have said that these instances are not of military significance. This work has been entrusted to the Border Security Force. According to the agreement which we had with the Pakistan Government about the functioning of the Border Security Force on the two sides. Taking into consideration that such instances are likely to happen, where the people on both sides of the border belong more or less to the same stock and they have their relations, it was agreed that when ever there are such instances and the Border Security Force of the country concerned notices that the national of that country has committed certain violation by intruding into the territory of the other country, they themselves will take action, and if some goods or cattle or other things are taken

away by the nationals of the other country they will restore them to the owner country. When this incident was taken up by the sector commandant of the Border Security Force on our side with the Security Force or the Pakistan Rifles on the other side, their explanation was that it was in keeping with that agreement that the Pakistan Rifles apprehended Pakistanis who were taking cattle from Indian side. But we are not satisfied with it. We have taken up the matter with the Pakistan Government, and efforts are being made to see that the cattle taken away are recovered. The Border Security Force has been strengthened so that such instances do not recur in future. As I have already said, this incident is not of any military significance.

**SHRI N. K. SOMANI:** In spite of the fact that the hon. Defence Minister thinks that all these incursions are of no military significance at all, as far as the question of border vigilance is concerned, may I know whether the Border Security Force would now be reinforced by our military personnel also so that the frequency, the extent and the scope of these incursions are reduced?

Secondly, in view of the fact that most of these instances are brought to the Government's notice by the press and the Opposition, will the Government come forward in the House and give us a review of the incidents of the last six months especially on the East Pakistan-India border so that proper decisions could be taken?

**SHRI JAGJIWAN RAM:** As I have said, steps have been taken to strengthen the Border Security Force and the patrolling on these sectors. But the instances that have taken place are few and far between. I do not say that no instances have taken place, but the incidents that have taken place are only very few and far between. I do not propose to introduce military personnel in the place of the Border Security Force.

**SHRI N. R. LASKAR:** We know very often these things happen on the border areas and many of these things are not reported in the press or mentioned in the House. They are regularly happening in the border areas, especially cases of cattle lifting. Protests are made to the local authorities but they are of no use. Just now, the hon.

Minister said that they have tightened up the Border Security Force. May I know since when they have tightened it and, if they have tightened it, what effects they have gained so far ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :** There is adequate border security force there. The Government have no desire to hide the incidents that took place. In the last 7 months in West Bengal the following incidents took place : one firing incident, one incident of intrusion, 11 incidents of kidnaping, 65 incidents of dacoity and armed assault and 129 incidents of cattle-lifting.

**SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL :** The Defence Minister has tried to give an idea to the House as if these incidents are few and far between. I want to know the comparative position whether the frequency of such incidents has gone down or increased compared to previous years and whether Pakistan is also setting up some airfields near about the border area and also installing missiles, which constitute a danger to our defence ?

**MR. SPEAKER :** Airfields for cattle-lifting or for what ? This is much beyond the scope of the question.

**SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA :** It is not correct to say that the number of incidents are increasing. Actually 120 cases of cattle-lifting would sound to be extraordinary, but these are case of stray cattle moving from their border into ours and from our border into theirs. Our people also go to that side while grazing cattle. (*Interruptions*). In this particular area, there is a big grazing area. These 900 cattle which have been mentioned actually belong to the *gwalas* from Bihar who come there for grazing. Some of them stray to the Pakistan side and we claim them from them. They claim it from us. This sort of incidents do take place in an open border of that nature. But as the Defence Minister said, they do not have any military significance.

**DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH :** He has now said that some of these cattle had strayed into Pakistan territory. He has contradicted the original reply that they

came into our territory and lifted these 900 cattle.

**MR. SPEAKER :** This is not reference to this question. This is some observation otherwise.

**SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOUDHURI :** May I know whether it is a fact that the border security force themselves have time and again said that the border roads are so impassable that they cannot get to the places where these incident occur ? They are not jeepable. The border roads are under a different organisation and the border security force are under a different organisation. This has been put to the Defence Minister but everytime we are told that you write to the States because border roads are not under defence. There should be some co-ordination about it so that the forces can get to the places where these incidents occur.

**SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA :** I require separate notice of this question.

**SHRI N. K. SOMANI :** So, the Minister does not know about the condition of the border roads ?

**SHRI JAGJIWAN RAM :** Where ever roads are necessary on the border because of their strategic importance, they are constructed. But the people in the area want a number of roads to be constructed by the defence forces. We cannot oblige them unless those roads are of strategic importance.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : अध्यक्ष महोदय, ये जितनी घटनाएं हुई हैं, इनमें से अधिकांश घटनाएं उन लोगों के साथ घटी हैं जो हरिजन पिछड़ी जाति के लोग हैं, उन्हीं के जानवरों को उठाकर ले जाया जाता है। क्या सरकार को ऐसी भी जानकारी है कि अपने लोगों के द्वारा पाकिस्तान से जानवर उठा कर लाये गये हैं, क्या ऐसी कोई शिकायतें पाकिस्तान सरकार ने की हैं ? यदि की हैं तो कितनी शिकायतें हैं ?

**MR. SPEAKER :** This is beyond the scope of the question.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Next Question. Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri.

DR. RANEN SEN: Sir, there are three questions on the visit of Madame Binh. They should be clubbed.

SHRI PRAKASH VIR SHASTRI: No, Sir, separately.

MR. SPEAKER: Generally, we club them. But the other day Shri Pilo Mody took objection to some change of sense of the word. Since then I have asked office to put them separately. Otherwise, there are small changes, either in words or in grammatical construction, and members very often object to it. But they can be taken together or separately, as you like.

SHRI S. KANDAPPAN: Together.

SHRI LOBO PRABHU: Separately. The questions are of a different nature.

Expenditure on Madame Binh

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\*362. SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH SHASTRI:

SHRI SHIV CHARAN LAL:

SHRI SHIV KUMAR

SHASTRI:

SHRI RAM CHARAN:

SHRI SHRI GOPAL SABOO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madame Binh during her recent visit to India stayed here as his personal guest;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the expenditure in connection with her stay here was met from the coffers of the Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) Madame Binh visited India as the official guest of the Minister of External Affairs, Government of India.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir, the expenditure will be met from the Hospitality Grant of the Government of India, as she was our official guest. It is not customary or courteous to disclose details of expenses incurred on official guest.

श्री रघुवीर सिंह शास्त्री: श्रीमन्, क्या मन्त्री महोदय बतायेंगे कि यह बात उन्होंने पीछे घड़ी है कि वह हमारी प्राफिशियल गेस्ट थी? क्या यह भी ठीक है कि उनके मन्त्रालय के सचिव श्री टी०एन० कौल के बीच प्राप्त में बहुत बहस चलती रही, टेलीफोन पर भी बातें होती रहीं। श्री कौल का कहना था कि यह स्टेट गेस्ट हो कर आ रही हैं और आप का कहना था कि परसनल गेस्ट हैं, इस लिये मैं उन का सत्कार करूंगा। लेकिन जब खर्च का सवाल उठा और यह सोचा गया कि पार्लियामेंट को जवाब देना पड़ेगा, तब यह तय किया गया कि उन को स्टेट गेस्ट माना जाय। उन के इण्डिया में आने के बाद यह तय किया गया, पहले वह स्टेट गेस्ट के रूप में नहीं आ रही थी।

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: All this is wrong. There was no discussion on this subject between me and the Foreign Secretary. From the very beginning she was invited as the government's official guest by my predecessor. (Interruptions).

SHRI LOBO PRABHU: Why was she invited... (Interruptions).

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: If there is one question I can answer it but not the shouting. She was invited from the very beginning by Shri Dinesh Singh as the official guest of the Government of India... (Interruption).

श्री रघुवीर सिंह शास्त्री: अध्यक्ष महोदय, उन्होंने यह नहीं बताया कि उन के प्रौर उन के सचिव के बीच में कोई बात चली थी?

अध्यक्ष महोदय: टेलीफोन की बात में नहीं जाना चाहिये।

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री: कभी-कभी ऐसा होता है कि गवर्नमेन्ट के टेलीफोन मेम्बरज के कान में लग जाते हैं और वे बातें सुन ली जाती हैं।

श्री प्रेम चन्द वर्मा: यह भी क्या मालूम कि वह बोगस हो।