

## RAJYA SABHA

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Phalguna, 1913 (Sofia)

The house met at eleven of the dock, Mr.  
Chairman in the air

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### Cooperation with Israel in the field of Defence

\*41 SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :  
PROF. SAURIN  
BHATTACHARYA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be  
pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are  
considering any proposal for cooperation in  
the held of defence with Isreal, if so, which  
are the areas in which Israeli technology and  
expertise can be useful to India ; and

(b) whether any steps are being taken in  
this connection ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL  
CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF  
STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF  
DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA  
KUMAR) • (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Sir, the  
Minister's reply is strictly technical since all  
the formalities of establishing diplomatic  
relations have not been completed as yet.  
The Defence Minister, Mr. Pawar, has  
himself told the press, as published on

\*The question was actually asked on the  
floor of the House by Shrimati Veena  
Verma.

February 22nd, that formal establish-ing of foil  
diplomatic ties between India and Isreal has  
paved the way for, I quote, "...drawing on  
Israel's successful experince to curb ter-  
rorism" The Minister said that such an  
exchange would be of mutual advantage to  
the two countries, adding that India would  
also like to get acquainted with Israel's  
experience in developing techniques for anti-  
terrorist operations. Sir, since Pakistan is  
directly involved in training and assisting the  
extremists and sending them to India across  
the border, and since the Indian army is very  
much in picture, I would like to know from  
th? Minister in what manner the Government  
proposes to try Israel's successful experience  
to curb terrorism and get acquainted with  
barrel's technology in this respect. What are  
the Government's ideas in this direction ? And  
are any moves under consideration ? Part 'b'  
of my question is, Israel has developed siate  
of the art equipment which has been used  
extensively with excellent results by para-  
military forces and the army against terrorist  
activities and they have also developed  
expertise m imparting specialised training to  
commandos and special operation forces. I  
want to know whether the Government is  
thinking of taking advantage of this modren  
equipment for the army and specialised  
training for the commandos and special  
operation- forces.

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR 1 The  
main question is about Indo-Israel defence  
cooperation and we have answered  
categorically that there is no move on the  
part of the Government, no initiative as yet  
in this direction. Sir, as regards any co-  
operation in anti-terrorist measures, I would  
again like to categorically state that there is  
no proposal pending with the Government  
and no initiative on the part of this  
Government in this direction. As regards  
reported statement by my hon. senior  
colleague, the Defence Minister, I am not  
aware of the

veracity of the Press report or the context in which the remarks attributed to the *Raksha Mantrivf&s* made. They are not known to me. But factually, there is no move on the part of the Government in this direction.

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Sir, Israel has developed some credible achievements in high defence technology with regard to Weapon system and support equipments like Radar, electronic warfare equipments and a range of engineering items used in border fencing. I want to know from the Government whether the Government would be interested in seeking Israel's assistance in regard to this defence technology.

Israelis are adopting improvisation and upgradation of armaments to suit the terrain and operational doctrine. I want to know from the Government whether the Government would be interested in taking advantage of the technology developed by Israelis in this regard.

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR : Sir, there is no proposal under the consideration of this Government in any of the areas mentioned by the hon. Member. If the hon. Member wants an academic answer; yes, Israel is acknowledged by a high technology country with advanced technologies in the field of agriculture, horticulture, dry-land farming, management of water resources, non-conventionanl energy sources and also some areas of defence especially electronic warfare, force multipliers etc. However, these areas of potential co-operations are only possibilities in the future. There is no initiative on the part of the Government and no discussion has taken place in the Ministry of Defence about any of the possibilities of inter-defence cooperation between these two countries.

PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the difficulties or the disadvantages of a clubbed question are quite a few.

in the sense, my idea in giving the question was just for eliciting information and not to express any opinion: But here one part of the question may give an idea that such cooperation even desirable. I am one who *i* opposed to granting diplomatic recongition to Israel till a solution to West Asia problem is found. And therefore when this news appeared in the Press that there was going to be defence collaboration between India and Israel, the question was put. In the meantime, the development occured. The statement 6f the Defence Minister referred" to by the leader in this question, hon. Veena Verma, I should say, seems to be a very shocking statement that, in reality, the help of Mossad will be taken in order to fight out terrorism in India. Mossad is a hated out fit outside Israel. And when the Sri Lankan Government accepted cooperation from them, we were unanimous in denouncing Sri Lankan Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN : What is your question ? Are they seeking cooperation with Mossad ?

PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : The Minister of State has replied that he could not establish the veracity of the satement attributed to the Defence Minister. My question is how he was prevented from contacting the Defence Minister. The Defence Minister's whereabouts are known. Even if he is not here, he is not far from India ; he is at Singapore at this precise moment. It has to be anticipated by the Ministry that in connection with this question the Defence Minister's statement would come. Therefore, I want a categorical statement about the status of the statement made by the Defence Minister, why the varactity was not established by contacting him

MR. CHAIRMAN : But the problem here is when the Minister answers the question, he is circumvented by the question. Here

your question is about defence. That is why he said, "No, Sir. There is no proposal of coopeation in defence." That is why I said, if yon want to ask about Mossad, you can say, "Are you going to have coo-operation with Mossad?"

PROF SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Why could not the veracity of the Defence Minister's statement be established ? It was a eogical corollary of this question— that is, a statement from him would come-..

MR. CHAIRMAN : Let us restrict it ; otherwise, we open the whole thing and nothing will be possible

PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Why not ? He him self said that the veracity of the statement could not be established...

MR CHAIRMAN : There was no question of veracity He is not questioning the Minister's statement..

PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : He said the veracity could not be established. These were his exact words. Why could it not be established ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : He has not questioned the veracity of the statement of the Minister.

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : He said that it was net established. The question is there is a lack of communication between the Minister and his deputy. It that is so, that would bought out.

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR : I may reiterate that there is no proposal in the Ministry of Defence on the particular aspect mentioned, namely, collaboration either in the field of defence or in the matter of terrorist activities. The question of fighting terrorism comes legitimately within the dome in of the Ministry of Home Affairs and I have been authori-

sed by the Ministry of Home Afters to state that there is no such proposal pendiing that Ministry.

SHRI G. G. SWELL : At the moment we are not fighting any open war. But you axe fighting a low-key war all the time against terrorists of all kinds and colours. It does not help to say that this is the responsibility of the Home Minister. It is the responsibility of the whole Government. And we are not taking the better of the terrorists. Now, Sir, among all the countries in the world there is no country that is more experienced in fighting against terrorism than Israel. They knew ho w to get their man, whether it was Eichman or lately and sadly, the He bulla leader, Mr. Musavi. Now, are we going to win this war against the terrorists and take the assistance of the Israelis in this matter or are we not ? It is no good saying that we have no proposal. The business of Parliament is to make suggestions to you. We are much more interested in the welfare of this country than you are perhaps; perhaps more than you are. Are you not going to do anything to see that you win the war against the terrorists and; to that extent, avail of the expertise of Israel ?

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR ; Establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Israel was announced on 29th January 1992. What ' is contemplated by the Government is a calibrated series of actions which would facilitate a gradual escalation of bilateral contacts between these two counties in commercial, economic, scientific and cultural spheres. The subject-matter raised by the honourable Member belongs to- the future. And, Sir, I am sure that the Government will take appropriate decision at the appropriate time in the nations I interest.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, Mr. Subramanian Swamy.

SHRI SUBRAMANAN SWAMY : Sir, first of all, I would

like to congratulate this Government for undertaking or announcing ambassadorial relations between India and Israel- •.(Interruptions)...

SOME HON. MEMBERS :  
Thanks to you... (Interruptions)...

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : O. K. ; thank you. But the credit should go to the Prime Minister. He has been bold and he has taken this decision and we should ell congratulate him on that. But the question that T wanted to ask is whether, in view of the fact that the Soviet Union has now collapsed, that much of our defence equipment is of the Soviet make and the Soviet factories producing the spares have been closed down, the Government, in principle, still rules out the possibility of defence arrangements, through trade, by selling etc., with Israel. Does it rule it out in principle or is that an open question that could be discussed in the future ?

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR : The acquisition of weapon system by the Ministry of Defence will be decided at the appropriate time on the basis of proposals received from friendly counties and, technically speaking, of all countries with whom we have diplomatic relations, no country can be excluded. As of now, there is no proposal whatsoever with the Ministry of Defence for any such collaboration nor has any serious proposal been received from that Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr.  
Vithalbhai M. Patel.

SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Sir, Israel has got advanced technology to convert saline water into drinking water-What about co-operation with Israel in this respect ? I would like to know whether the Government will think of taking the advanced technology from Israel in order to convert saline water into drinking water.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Your questoin relates to science and technology.

SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : But he has menioned it, Sir.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO; : Sir, for a long time we have had no direct contacts, no Government-to-Government contacts, with Israel. So, naturally, we know less than what many Members know about what their capabilities are. It is quite natural.

I have written to the Members for giving me all this information and we will also get more information. Once the relations start functioning, then, naturally, we will think of taking advantage of whatever is available anywhere in the world and, particularly in the case of Israel, if their capabilities are such that we can learn from them. About that one need not be too sure in advance. But, if we can learn from them, we can take from them. Nothing should be ruled out, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Maulana  
Azmi.

मौलाना अबुलक़ासिम खान आज़मी :  
सर, वह इजरायल जो दहशतपसंदी से  
हुआ पैदा, उसी से फिर क्यों मदद चाहते  
हैं इंडिया वाले ? मेरा खुला हुआ एक  
सवाल है। सर, हमारे डिफेंस मिनिस्टर  
मि० शरद पवार जी का बयान पूरे  
मूलक में हंगामाखेजी पैदा किये हुए हैं  
कि वह दहशतपसंदी से निपटने के लिए  
इजरायल से मदद लेंगे। मेरा एक खुला  
हुआ सवाल यह है कि इजरायल किस  
दहशतपसंदी से निपट रहा है ? उस दहशत-  
पसंदी का नाम है फिलीस्तीन की आजादी।  
फिलितीनी आजादी के रहनूमा हैं मिस्टर  
यासिर अराफात और उन मिस्टर यासिर  
अराफात को हिन्दुस्तान में बुला-बुलाकर  
हमारी गवर्नमेंट इनाम देती है। जिनको  
हिन्दुस्तान की हुकूमत इनाम देती है,

جینکے ساتھ وہ دوستی کیے ہوئے ہیں، انہیں کے ساتھ اسرائیل کا جگہ ہے اور ہماری حکومت کا یہ موقعا-فراہ ہے کہ اگر عرب کے علاقوں پر اسرائیل نے قبضہ کر رکھا ہے۔ جب تک اسرائیل عرب کے علاقوں کو خالی نہیں کرے گا، ہم اسرائیل کے ساتھ کوئی دوستی نہیں کر سکتے۔ اگر اسرائیل کی حکومت کا یہ موقف رہا ہے کہ عرب کے علاقوں پر اسرائیل نے ظلم و ستم کیا ہے، تو یہ موقف درست ہے۔ جب اسرائیل عرب کے علاقے کو خالی نہیں کرے گا، ہم اسرائیل کے ساتھ کوئی واسطہ نہیں دیکھ سکتے۔ گاندھی جی نے لیکر راج کو تک یہ پالیسی ہماری رہی ہے۔ میرا سوال یہ ہے کہ اگر اسرائیل کو دہشت پسندی مٹانے کا پریکٹک سمجھا جا رہا ہے تو وہ کون سی دہشت پسندی مٹا رہا ہے۔ جسکو استبداد یا مکر ہندوستان کی حکومت شاکر بن کو ہندوستان میں اگرواک مٹانا چاہتی ہے۔ کیا اسرائیل نے یہ اگرواک پیدا نہیں کیا کہ عربوں کی زمینوں پر زمینیں قبضہ کر لیں۔ کیا اسرائیل کی یہ غلطی کر دی ہے کہ اس نے پوری دنیا میں دوسرے ملکوں پر زمینیں قبضہ کرنے کا راستہ پیدا کر لیا ہے۔ دہشت گرد اور ایسے اگرواک سے نہ بننے کی بات جو ہمارے ڈیفنس منسٹر نہیں کہہ رہے ہیں اسکی سخت مذمت کرتا ہوں اور یہ پوچھنا چاہتا ہوں کہ اسرائیل نے تو اگرواک نے درجے عربوں کی زمینوں پر قبضہ کیا ہمارے ڈیفنس منسٹر اسرائیل سے شاکر دی اختیار کر کے کس ملک پر قبضہ کرنا چاہتے ہیں۔

† [مولانا عبداللہ خاں اعظمی:]

سر۔ وہ اسرائیل جو دہشت پسندی سے ہوا پیدا۔ اسی سے کہوں مدن چاہتے ہیں انڈیا والے۔ مہرا کھلا ہوا ایک سوال ہے۔ سر ہمارے ڈیفنس منسٹر مسٹر شرمن پوار جی کا بیان پورے ملک میں ہلکا-خیز ہے کہ اسرائیل نے دہشت پسندی سے نہ بننے کیلئے اسرائیل سے مدن لیتے۔ مہرا ایک کھلا ہوا سوال یہ ہے کہ اسرائیل کس دہشت پسندی سے نہ بن رہا ہے۔ اس دہشت پسندی سے نہ بن رہا ہے۔ اس دہشت پسندی کا نا کھلا ہے۔ فلسطین کی آزادی۔ فلسطینی آزادی کے رہنما ہیں

مسٹر پاسر عرفات اور مسٹر پاسر عرفات کو ہندوستان میں بلا کر ہماری کورنٹ انعام دیتی ہے۔ جنگو ہندوستان کی حکومت انعام دیتی ہے۔ چلنے ساتھ وہ دوستی کئے ہوئے ہے۔ انہوں نے ساتھ اسرائیل کی جنگ ہے۔ اور ہماری حکومت کا یہ موقف رہا ہے کہ عرب کے علاقوں پر اسرائیل نے ظلم و ستم کیا ہے، تو یہ موقف درست ہے۔ جب اسرائیل عرب کے علاقے کو خالی نہیں کرے گا، ہم اسرائیل کے ساتھ کوئی واسطہ نہیں دیکھ سکتے۔ گاندھی جی نے لیکر راج کو تک یہ پالیسی ہماری رہی ہے۔ میرا سوال یہ ہے کہ اگر اسرائیل کو دہشت پسندی مٹانے کا پریکٹک سمجھا جا رہا ہے تو وہ کون سی دہشت پسندی مٹا رہا ہے۔ جسکو استبداد یا مکر ہندوستان کی حکومت شاکر بن کو ہندوستان میں اگرواک مٹانا چاہتی ہے۔ کیا اسرائیل نے یہ اگرواک پیدا نہیں کیا کہ عربوں کی زمینوں پر زمینیں قبضہ کر لیں۔ کیا اسرائیل کی یہ غلطی کر دی ہے کہ اس نے پوری دنیا میں دوسرے ملکوں پر زمینیں قبضہ کرنے کا راستہ پیدا کر لیا ہے۔ دہشت گرد اور ایسے اگرواک سے نہ بننے کی بات جو ہمارے ڈیفنس منسٹر نہیں کہہ رہے ہیں اسکی سخت مذمت کرتا ہوں اور یہ پوچھنا چاہتا ہوں کہ اسرائیل نے تو اگرواک نے درجے عربوں کی زمینوں پر قبضہ کیا ہمارے ڈیفنس منسٹر اسرائیل سے شاکر دی اختیار کر کے کس ملک پر قبضہ کرنا چاہتے ہیں۔

† [ ] Tranliteration in Arabic Script.

श्री अजीत जोगी : शेर तो आपने बेकल साहब का पड़ा, उनका नाम ले लीजिए।

मौलाना अबुलुल्ला खान आजमी : बेकल साहब का नहीं है, अबुलुल्ला खान का है। माफ कीजिए।

†[मौलाना अबुलुल्ला खान اعظمی :

बिकल صاحب का نہیں ہے عبید اللہ خان کا ہے - معاف کیجئے -]

डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय : आप शायर कब से हो गये हैं?

मौलाना अबुलुल्ला खान आजमी : जब से आपने बनाया है। श्रुतिया।

†[मौलाना अबुलुल्ला खान اعظمی :

جب سے آپ نے بنایا ہے - شکریہ -]

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : बनाया तो बी०पी० सिंह ने है।

डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय : उन्होंने तो महा-मंत्री बनाया है पार्टी का।

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR • Sir, the supplementary is not stratly relevant to the main question I need not emphasize that our commitment and solidarity with the Palestinian cause and friendship with the Arabs peoples stand undiminished.

MR. CHAIRMAN : That is the Government policy. There are no two opinions about it. Mr. Yasser Arafat was here.

मौलाना अबुलुल्ला खान आजमी : सरकार की नीति है कि फिलिस्तीनियों की मदद करेंगे मगर सरकार की यह कौन सी नीति है कि इजरायल की शानिदी अख्तियार कर के इजरायल के जरिये उग्रवाद मिटायेगे जो इंटरनेशनल गुंडा है और इंटरनेशनल उग्रवादी से क्या बात की जा रही है। दुनिया में कोई उससे बड़ा गुंडा नहीं है, उससे बड़ा दहशतपसंदी नहीं है। हम सब मज्जमत करते हैं सबमिंट के इस बयान की

†[मौलाना अबुलुल्ला खान اعظمی :

سرکار کی نیستی ہے کہ فلسطینیوں کی مدد کرینگے مگر سرکار کی یہ کونسی نیستی ہے - کہ اسرائیل کی شاگردی اختیار کر کے اسرائیل کے ذریعے اگر وہ متاثرہنگے جو انٹرنیشنل غلڈا ہے اور انٹرنیشنل اگر وہی سے کیا بات کی جا رہی ہے - دنیا میں کوئی اس سے بڑا غلڈا نہیں ہے اس سے بڑا دہشت پسند نہیں ہے - ہم سب مذمت کرتے ہیں گورنمنٹ نے اس بیان کی -]

SHRI

SUBRAMANIAN

SWAMY : Government should send a parliamentary delegation to remove this ignorance\*—that is the only way—under Maulana Azami.

मौलाना अबुलुल्ला खान आजमी : स्वामी साहब उसके जिम्मेदार हैं, उसके निगहवान हैं और हम सब स्वामी साहब को मुबारकवाद देते हैं कि हमारी हुकूमत को बहकाने में भी वह कामयाब हो गये और हमारी हुकूमत का रिलेशन इजरायल के साथ लगा कर के हमारी आजादी को भी घुन लगा दिया। आप लोग धन्यवाद के काबिल है (शुबधान)

†[मौलाना अबुलुल्ला खान اعظمی :

سوامی صاحب اس کے ذمہ دار ہیں - اس کے نگہبان ہیں اور ہم سب سوامی صاحب کو مبارکباد دیتے ہیں کہ ہماری حکومت کو بھکانے میں بھی وہ کامیاب ہو گئے اور ہماری حکومت کا رلیشن اسرائیل کے ساتھ لگا کر کے ہماری آزادی کو بھی کھن لگا دیا گیا - آپ لوگ دہلیزداد کے قابل ہیں - (مداخلت)]

† [Transliteration in Arabic Script.

**श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी :** माननीय सभापति महोदय, आपके माध्यम से मैं मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहती हूँ कि क्या यह सच है कि 1984 में भारत की ओर से एक विशेष दल इजरायल भेजा गया था और उस दल ने इजरायल के विशेषज्ञों के साथ एक बैठक की थी ? अखबारों में यह बात आई है कि इस बैठक के जरिए भारत ने बहुत से गुप्त समाचार इजरायल के दल को दे दिये लेकिन बदले में भारत को कुछ नहीं मिला । इसके इलावा मैं यह जानना चाहती हूँ कि क्या यह सच है कि ए०टी०टी०ई० को वहां ट्रेनिंग दी जा रही है और इसके जरिये से भारत में अस्थिरता पैदा करने की कोशिश की जा रही है ? मैं यह भी जानना चाहती हूँ कि इजरायल और भारत के बीच में यह जो नई विकासमान धुरी पैदा की जा रही है क्या इससे भारत की अब तक चली आ रही नीति पर कोई प्रभाव नहीं पड़ेगा ?

**SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO :**

This question is separate and needs a separate answer.

**MR. CHAIRMAN :** It deals with the External Affairs Ministry rather than the Defence Ministry. You know it all. *(Interruptions)* It is not a question which the Defence Minister will answer. This is a question for the External Affairs Ministry. Shrimati Sarala Maheshwari.

**श्री जलुरानन मिश्र :** एक मिनिस्टर दूसरे के बिभाग के बारे में स्टेटमेंट दे देता है **(व्यवधान)** डिफेंस मिनिस्टर आंतरिक मामलों पर स्टेटमेंट दे देता है, इसी से तो गड़बड़ी पैदा होती है **(व्यवधान)**

**SHRI R. K. KARANJIA :** Mr. Chairman, the question that I was about to ask has been well answered by the Prime Minister. So I will not insist on it. My point was that if we shy off collaboration with Mossad, who do they expect us to seek cooperation with ? Terrorists

**MR. CHAIRMAN :** Next question.

#### Equity shares of M/s. Suzuki Motor Corporation in Maruti Udyod Limited

\*42. DR. RATNAKAR†

PANDEY :

SHRI S. MADHAVAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have permitted M/s. Suzuki Motor Corporation to raise its equity share in the Maruti Udyog Limited from 40 per cent to 50 per cent and if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor ;

(b) whether this would help the company to get loans from the International Finance Corporation ; and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government would loose administrative control over the company and if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to safeguard its interests in this company ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) :** (a) to

(c) Govt. has allowed Suzuki Motor Corporation to raise its equity capital in the Maruti Udyog Ltd. (MUL) from 40% to 50% to facilitate financing of MUL's expansion project meant largely for export, through additional foreign equity and foreign loans. After the share of Suzuki Motor Corporation goes up to 50% MUL would cease to be a Govt. company and would become eligible for loans from the International Finance Corporation.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. Ratnakar Pandey.