

lems in this regard which he has appreciated, and we will be discussing the issue again in the future.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Sir, about the same question, about the Nepali language ....

MR. CHAIRMAN: It has been put.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: No, Sir. The Minister's reply is not clear. I want to know whether he has discussed with the Chief Minister of West Bengal as to what his view is because I know that he is insisting for several years that the Nepali language should be included in the Eighth Schedule. So, I would like to know whether the Minister has discussed with the Chief Minister of West Bengal and whether he appreciates the opinion of the Chief Minister of West Bengal and is going to implement something about that.

SHRI ARUN NEHRU: Sir, I have not discussed the matter with the Chief Minister of West Bengal on this. As and when we have a discussion, I will let the Member know.

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Sir, it is not the Chief Minister of Sikkim or the Chief Minister of West Bengal who are to decide the citizenship of these people who have been residing there for the last so many years. May I know what has been the behaviour of these people during the last 12 years? Have they found employment in the other parts of the country or have there been any Government employees from amongst them? And what has been the behaviour of the Central Government towards these people in cases where the Central Government's responsibility has been involved?

SHRI ARUN NEHRU: Sir, the Government's responsibility pertains to the Indian citizens there. About those when do not have citizenship rights at the moment.. I have not really understood the ques

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are they being employed there?

SHRI ARUN NEHRU: No, Sir. They are not.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 67.

### Killing of Shri Tersem Singh Toor in London

♦67. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI :  
SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a brutal attack a moderate Sikh leader, Shri Tarsem Singh Toor, General-Secretary of the Indian Overseas Congress, was shot dead in West London on January 23-24, 1986, only a week after an attempt on the life of Shri Sangar Singh Sandhu, Chief Organiser of Longowal Akali Dal in London; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Government have strongly condemned the assassination of Shri Toor and have asked the U. K. Government to take immediate steps to apprehend and punish the culprits, to ensure the protection and security of Indian residents in the U. K.

श्री शान्ति त्वागी: ब्रिटेन में जो उग्रवादी एक्टिविटीज हो रही है उनके बारे में भारत वर्ष में बहुत बड़ी चिंता है। इससे ज्यादा चिंता इस बात पर है कि ब्रिटेन ने जो एक रजस अस्त्रियार किया है इन एक्टिविटीज के बारे में, समर्थन देने का तो इससे और भी चिंता बढ़ गयी है। यह भी पता चला है कि माननीय प्रधानमंत्री जी ने इस बारे में ब्रिटेन की प्रधानमंत्री से किसी वक्त बातचीत की है। अभी एक और मामला सामने आया है कि दल लालसा के एक लीडर है जसवंत सिंह भाज, जिन्होंने पोलिटिकल एसाइलम के लिए आवेदन दिया था बर्तानवी सरकार का इस पर यह कहना है कि हम इस बात पर विचार कर रहे हैं, पोलिटिकल असाइलम देने के लिए।

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Shanti Tyagi.

भारत सरकार ने मांग की है कि इस आदमी को ऊपर भारत की जमानतों में मुकदमा दर्ज है इसलिए इनको भारत वापस दिया जाये। यह बात अखबारों में पढ़ी गयी है कि इस मांग को अस्वीकार कर दिया गया है। मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि अगर यह बात सही है तो इसके बारे में आगे क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है और यह भी कि इसी शख्स जसवंत सिंह भाज को तथा और भी कई उग्रवादियों को बर्तानवी सरकार ने . . . (अवधान)

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you want an answer, you must sit down now.

श्री शान्ति त्यागी : इसी में है कि जसवंत सिंह भाज को सरकारी आवास प्लॉट दिया गया है। यह बात सही है तो इस बारे में आप क्या कर रहे हैं ?

श्री बली राम भगत : माननीय सभापति जी, माननीय सदस्य ने जो सवाल उठाया है कि बर्तानवी सरकार का इस मामले में क्या रखा है तो इसके बारे में मुझे यही कहना है कि हम इन सब बातों को उनसे उठाते हैं, जिनका उन्होंने जिक्र किया जिस व्यक्ति का किया उनके बारे में भी बातें उठाई हैं अगर उनका रख इन मामलों में बड़ा कानूनी बाला होता है। कभी यह कहते हैं हमारे कानून ऐसे हैं कि हम इसमें कुछ नहीं कर सकते हैं फिर यह भी कहते हैं कि हमारा जूडिशियल सिस्टम जैसा है इसमें यह बात चलेगी नहीं। वे कोर्टों में चले जायेंगे और उनको सारी सुविधाएँ मिल जायेंगी। मैंने यह देखा है कि जाम तौर से उनका रख आतंकवादियों और ऐसे आतंकवादियों के बारे में जिनके खिलाफ बहुत सारे सबूत हाई एविडेंस हमने उनको दिये हैं कि उन्होंने इतने बड़े जुल्म किये हैं, अपराधी है तब भी उनका रख कोई बहुत मददगारी का इस पर सहानुभूतिपूर्वक विचार करने का नहीं है।

श्री शान्ति त्यागी : एक छोटा सा प्रश्न यह करना है कि क्या भारत सरकार और बर्तानवी सरकार में एक्स्ट्राडिशन ट्रीटी के बारे में कोई अप्रस में प्रामाण हो रहा है ?

श्री बली राम भगत : जी हाँ बातचीत चल रही है।

श्री रामचन्द्र भारद्वाज : जो उत्तर दिया गया है उसमें निंदा की बात है, कंडेमेनशन की बात है। तुर की हत्या पीछे छूट गयी है। तुर जो एक लीडर है और संघ पर अतिरिक्त हमला हुआ। खूबियों ने बताया कि जमी तरह के हमले थे कोई कारगर हुआ, कोई ना कारगर हुआ। हमारे माननीय प्रधान मंत्री जी ने तुर की हत्या पर हादिक संवेदना व्यक्त की और माननीय श्रीमती शंकर ने भी कंडेमेन किया था इस हादसे कांड को, मगर कंडेमेनशन से क्या मिलता है ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is the question? Put your question please.

श्री रामचन्द्र भारद्वाज : इस संबंध में मेरा सवाल यह है कि आज तक जो यह कहा जा रहा है कि स्काटलैंड यार्ड डिटेक्टिव्स जांच कर रहे हैं तो उसमें कुछ सुराग मिला या नहीं। जो मोटर वहां पकड़ी गई है साउथ हाल में, उस मोटर के बारे में पता चला है कि कातिल उस पर आये थे या नहीं ? फिर वे कातिल हाथी थे या पंजाबी थे इसका भी कुछ पता चला कि नहीं ?

श्री बली राम भगत : 10 फरवरी को बर्तानवी पुलिस ने एक व्यक्ति सुलेखन सिंह सुराई को इस मामले में पकड़ा है और उनका बेल नामंजूर हो गया है।

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHA-PATRA: Sir, Mr. Tur was genuine Patriot I had my own experiences in London with him between 1977 and 1980 and my colleague, Mr. A. P. Sharma, would vouchsafe for me. He was the leader of the Indian Workers' Association also. I would like to know if the Government is going to instal a fitting memorial for him in London. Secondly, very pertinent question here, while I was in London in 1984, Mr. Mhatre was killed. I went to the bereaved family to express condolences. British intellectuals who also present there, told me that the ex-gratia payment of Rs. one lakh to the family was too inadequate. I wrote back to our hon. Prime Minister about it that our diplomats are working under stress and strain and what more can be done. Mr. Khurshid Alam Khan wrote back to me that my proposal had been very much welcomed and that Prime Minister had asked the External Affairs Ministry

to look into the proposal. I would like to know if something has been done to give if to their children in the

SHRI. B. R. BHAGAT: The suggestion for having a memorial of late Mr. Tur is a suggestion for action. Certainly he was a very popular leader and a patriot. The Prime Minister sent a message; the Prime Minister of Britain inference in the British House of Commons about this and the Government of India sent a delegation at his funeral which was very largely attended. Certainly, this matter will be taken up by the people there.

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: What about Mr. Mhatre?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is not relevant.

SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH: Mr. Chairman, the Minister must be aware that there is enormous amount of disinformation about the state of affairs in this country which is being circulated by Punjabi newspapers circulated in England it is the result of this disinformation, like that there are no young Sikhs any more to be seen in Punjab, etc., that a small minority has been able to grab all important Sikh shrines in England including: the oldest one in Shepherd's Bush, where they did not allow even the obsequies ceremony in memory of Sant Longowal. Unfortunately, our High Commissioner is not able to communicate with the people of Punjab there, is the Indian High Commission publishing any material in Punjabi or Urdu to countenance this propaganda that is being circulated in England amongst the Sikh circles?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: The hon. Member is very much right that there is a lot of disinformation being circulated by some of the Punjabi journals. I may add that except one journal, that is, Sandesh International, other journals like Des Pardes or Sikh Tribune Weekly, are unfortunately indulging in this activity. And the Editor of Sandesh International was murdered because he struck to the basic principles of journalism. Similarly, of the 140 odd Gurdwaras in U. K., 24 Gur-

occupied forcibly by the militants and extremists, breaking the law. On all these matters, we have drawn the attention of the U.K. Government every point of time but their attitude been very evasive and prevaricated.

SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH: Are you publishing anything?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: As for bringing out a journal to counteract this not only we shall examine this.

SHRI A. P. SHARMA: The hon. External Affairs Minister was also present in London just before the funeral of Mr. Tur and I am quite sure he also might be aware of the fact that every Indian citizen residing in England is nowadays afraid of carrying out the national activities, that is, pro-Indian activities in England. Sir, Mr. Tur attended the centenary Congress at Bombay and after that he went back to London. Definitely, the one and the only reason for his assassination is

he was a true nationalist and he was pro-India and his activities through the Indian Overseas Congress were in favour of India. Sir, even the official and active members of the Overseas Congress are, similarly afraid of. May I know, therefore, whether the Government of India will take up this question with the British Government to see that these people do not meet the same fate, because, a list of people, hit list as they call it, is displayed in the gurdwaras, the gurdwaras which have been forcibly occupied, captured and occupied, as the hon. Minister has said? I would like to know whether our Government will take up this question with the British Government and see that protection, adequate protection, is given to those people who are residing there. This is number one. Number two...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You cannot ask number two.

SHRI A. P. SHARMA: Let it be (b). Another thing is, Britain is being used as a base, platform, for anti-India activities and propaganda. Does it not affect Indo-U.K. relations? Will the Government

view this question from this aspect and take it up with the British Government?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: Sir, I had the privilege of visiting Mr. Tiff's house, met his wife and children and paid my tributes. He was a great fighter for India's cause. He was a noble fighter. It is true, intimidation is going on. They are a handful of people. But intimidation is there. The purpose of these elements in killing people, attack on moderate leaders and the forcible capture and occupation of gurudwaras is to create panic and terror amongst people. This has been brought to the notice of the authorities in U. K. not once, but repeatedly, first, to find out the real culprit and charge them and book them; secondly, to give protection to the moderate leaders and create conditions whereby the gurudwaras which have been, forcibly occupied, which have been illegally occupied, are returned to the elected prabhandak committees who are the rightful owners. All these things have been brought to their notice. Well, in some cases, they listened. In other cases, they have pleaded helplessness saying that they cannot take action under the British law.

SHRI A. P. SHARMA: Sir, he has not answered my second question. I said, Britain being used as a base for anti-India propaganda. Has the Government of India protested to the British Government that this should not be done?

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is what the Minister has said, that they are protesting, they are taking it up with the U. K. Government.

SHRI A. P. SHARMA: Sir, this is; such an important question, I would like the Minister to answer this question.

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: We have made our position known to the British Government that the activities of the terrorists adversely affect our relation with them. This is bound to, so long as these activities are not curbed. It is responsibility of the U. K. Government to curb these activities and give protection to their own citizens. Unless this

is done, the relations between the two countries are bound to be adversely affected.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: If we are not receiving adequate co-operation from the British Government, are we in a position to hire private detective agencies, do some investigation on our own, to find out who are the persons responsible and give protection to the moderates?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: Sir, one of the methods or objective of this terrorism is, to prevent—whether in the case of assassination of late Mr. T. T. T. or earlier—so that nobody is able to, they are terrorised not to come forward, they should not come forward to give any evidence. This is the situation. In this, only the Government of the land can help and any private agencies will be faced with the same situation: they will be terrorised and will not be effective in this matter.

**श्री सत्यपाल मलिक :** सभापति महोदय, आतंकवाद के मुकाबले के लिए हम गम्भीर हैं, तो मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ, पहली दिक्कत तो यह है कि ये लोग पकड़े नहीं जाते हैं, इसके बाद ये दूसरे देश की जमीन पर हैं, अपने ही देश की जमीन पर जो लोग पकड़े गए हैं, उसमें 10 सैकड़ा लोगों का भी कनिक्शन पॉसीबल नहीं है, हुआ तो दो सैकड़ा भी नहीं है। लेकिन संभव नहीं है किसी का भी कनिक्शन, जिस तरह के कानून हैं और जो मौजूदा स्थिति इस वक्त देश में है। चूंकि यह प्रश्न गृह मंत्री जी से ट्राल्लूक रखता है, इसलिए माननीय मंत्री जी से नहीं करना चाहता। लेकिन मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि ब्रिटेन सरकार के साथ अभी हाल ही में आपका कोई करार हुआ है, जिसके तहत वहाँ जो वाण्टेड लोग हैं, जो वहाँ एक्टिविटीज कर रहे हैं, उनकी बदला-बदली की कोई चीज तय हुई है? अगर हुई है, तो वह क्या है और कौन-कौन लोग निकट भविष्य में मिलने की संभावना है।

**श्री बली राम भगत :** सर, बदला-बदली एक्सट्राजिडिशन ट्रीटी की बात चल रही है। उसमें वे चाहते हैं, ब्रिटेन सरकार यह

चाहती है कि उनके मौजूदा कानून एण्टी फ्यूजिटिव एक्ट को हमारे यहाँ लागू, एक्सटेंड कर दिया जाये। हमने इसके मुकाबले में अपना एक बहुत, जो हम समझते हैं ज्यादा कारगर कानून है एक्सट्राडिशन का, वह पेश किया है मसविदा और इन दोनों में बातचीत चल रही है। अभी तय नहीं हुआ है।

SHRI ANAND SHARMA; Sir, the activities of the terrorists 'abroad—in the United Kingdom, Canada and other places—clearly point out that there is a definite pattern behind it and these governments themselves, which the Minister has himself said, are quite lenient towards them or they refuse to comply with our request. This means that these forces want to keep the problem alive so that they get international publicity. My specific question is: has the Government of India lodged a formal protest with the Government of U.K. for its refusal to take action against the terrorist leaders. those who are active there, particularly Jagjit Singh Chauhan, as per even the British penal law? As there is very little difference between the Indian penal law and the British penal law, why has the British Government failed to take action when he had gone on record threatening the life of our late Prime Minister. Shrimati Indira Gandhi? If a riot, has any protest been lodged till this day and has the Government of U.K. taken any effective steps after the assassination of Mr. Toor to protect the lives of nationalist Sikh leaders and the leaders of the Overseas Indian National Congress and have those steps if taken, been conveyed to the Government of India?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT; Sir, about the particular gentleman whom he referred to well, not once but several times formal, informal protests have been made and taking action against him has been suggested. But so far the British Government has found always one of the other recourse or excuse not to be taken and the gentleman is still at large there. *(Interruptions)* That is not the meaning of "at large." He is free and moving about. About this matter, after the assassination of late Mr. Toor, this matter has also been taken up. Lists have been given.

Particularly one of the closest colleagues, Mr. Roopra, who is another very good and dedicated moderate leader, is threatened. Mr. A. P. Sharma mentioned that they have published a list of these people who are on the hit list. They are in these gurudwaras. All these have been brought to the notice of the UK Government and authorities and also they are repeatedly being asked to take action to protect these people.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Have any steps been taken by British Government to protect the lives of nationalist Indians living in the UK?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT; They have given us an assurance.

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD; I want to know whether it is a fact that the assassination of Mr. Toor was the result of connivance of our foreign enemies in view of the fact that Mr. Toor was a patriotic nationalist and to be patriotic and nationalistic, in the eyes of our foreign enemies, is a disqualification. If it is true, what steps is the Government going to take?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT; Steps on what?

MR. CHAIRMAN; What steps you are going to take?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT; We are taking. In foreign countries through our Missions and our High Commissions, whatever is possible, we can only help through the Government of the land, and we are very alert. Every minute we are very alert.

*(Interruptions)...*

MR. CHAIRMAN; He is a new Member and I have allowed him. Next question — No. 68.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH; I raised my hand.

MR. CHAIRMAN; You might have. I cannot allow everybody to put a question. Next question.