

RAJYA SABHA

*Friday, the 14th May, 1976/the 24th
Vaisakha, 1898 (Saka).*

The House met at eleven of the clock
Mr. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Raising of India's diplomatic representation level in China

*91. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI :†

SHRI RAJAT KUMAR CHAK-
RABARTI :

SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURA-
GOHAIN :

SHR KRISHNA BAHADUR
CHETTRI :

SHRI RABI RAY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an agreement has recently
been reached to raise the level of our
diplomatic representation in Peking;

(b) if so, what are the details in this
regard; and

(c) whether a dialogue with the Gov-
ernment of the Peoples Republic of China
is also contemplated on other problems
affecting mutual relations ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AF-
FAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and
(b) Following discussions between the re-
presentatives of the Government of India
and the Government of the Peoples Repub-
lic of China in New Delhi and Peking, it
has been decided to appoint Shri K. R.
Narayanan, till recently Secretary in the
Ministry of External Affairs, as our Am-
bassador to the People's Republic of China.
The Chinese Government have conveyed
their agreement to this nomination. Shri
Narayanan is expected to join his post
shortly.

†The question was actually asked on the
floor of the House by Shrimati Ambika
Soni.

On the basis of the discussions which
have taken place, it is our understanding
that this initiative for raising the level of
our diplomatic representation in Peking,
will be reciprocated by the Government of
the People's Republic of China.

(c) We wish to develop constructive and
meaningful bilateral relations with China.

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI : I would
like to know whether the Government of
the People's Republic of China has also
given a definite date for posting the Am-
bassador of the Republic of China in India
and also whether they have given any ass-
urance to discuss the issue of the forcibly-
occupied territory by the Chinese.

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN : It is our under-
standing that they will reciprocate by rais-
ing the level of their representation in
India. The date, of course, we do not
know. Naturally these are things that
cannot be indicated at the moment, but our
understanding is that probably they will
nominate their representative after our
Ambassador reaches Peking.

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI : Sending
our Ambassador to China is, no doubt,
a very significant step in our dynamic for-
eign policy, but it is well known that China
has been carrying on a massive anti-India
campaign through its mass media. Also,
they have been in touch with many sub-
versive elements in our country. This
dual policy of China has also been the
experience of several South-East Asian
countries. I would like to know if any
assurance has been given by China that
they will desist from such past practices.

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN : Knowing it all
and making a realistic assessment of the
situation, we have taken this initiative.
Under the circumstances, nobody asks for
assurances and we have not asked for any
assurance.

DR. RAJAT KUMAR CHAKRA-
BARTI : In reply to Starred Question
No. 78 of 12th May, 1976 the main fea-
tures of the Indo-Hungarian cultural ex-
change programme for 1976-78 were given.

May I know from the hon. Minister whether there is any move to have an India-China commission or a commission to have mutual co-operation so as to encourage and develop bilateral contacts, including seminars on economic planning and exchange of doctors, professors and so on? Also, may I know whether the Government is going to permit doctors who have taken recourse to acupuncture treatment in our country and who have not got sufficient knowledge of the practice of acupuncture to get training in China?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN : Some people have started expecting too many things too early. I think we should be patient in this matter. As I told the other hon. Member, we have not asked for any assurance from them, nor have we gone into the details as to how the relations should develop. When our Ambassador goes there, we will see how things develop. We will have to be realistic and patient in this matter. Naturally we expect that there will be constructive response and there will be no anti-India propaganda and there will be no effort at subversion in India. These are naturally our expectations and we expect the developments to be constructive in our relationship.

SHRI KRISHNA BAHADUR CHETTRI : I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government has any proposal for taking up the issue of travel restrictions between the citizens of the two countries.

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN : Whatever reasonable issues are to be taken up, naturally they will be taken up, but they will be considered after this.

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : श्रीमन्, भारत पड़ोसी देशों से सामान्य सम्पर्क स्थापित करे, विशेषरूप से चीन के साथ, इसमें किसी को कोई आपत्ति नहीं हो सकती। परन्तु मैं माननीय विदेश मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि 1962 के भारत-चीन संघर्ष के बाद लोक सभा ने जो सर्वसम्मति से एक प्रस्ताव पास किया था क्या वह इन

संबंधों को सामान्य बनाने के मार्ग में बाधक तो नहीं होगा या इन संबंधों के सामान्य बनाने के बाद उसको अपनी आंखों से ओझल तो नहीं कर दिया जायेगा, जो घरेलू उनके अधिकार में है इस प्रश्न को हम बिलकुल भूल तो नहीं जाएंगे संबंध सामान्य करने के चक्कर में?

श्री य० ब० चव्हाण : मुझे इसमें कोई शक नहीं है कि जो हमने फैसले किये हैं, जो हमारे इरादे हैं, हमारी नीति है वह कायम रहने वाले हैं। उस नीति को छोड़ कर, देश के स्वाभिमान को छोड़ कर हम कुछ करेगे नहीं, देश के हित की जो बात है उसको छोड़ कर हम कुछ करेंगे नहीं। लेकिन फिर भी दुनिया बदलती है और बदलती दुनिया में कुछ नया सोचना पड़ता है।

SHRI M. R. KRISHNA : Sir, the prolonged unfriendly attitude which existed between India and the Republic of China was almost broken when for the first time the Indian table tennis team visited China. I would like to know whether the Government of India would take a similar initiative to send teams like the volleyball team from India to China and from China to India so that the relations would be further normalised.

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN : What is more important—sending a volleyball team or the Ambassador? When the relations become normal, not only one team but many teams can go and should go.

SHRI ABU ABRAHAM : Would the Minister care to say what has been the reaction of the Soviet Union to this diplomatic exchange of ours with China? Also, I would like to know whether he thinks this initiative on our part will help to improve relations between Soviet Russia and China.

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN : Well, many of the interpretations that are being put in this connection are rather not related to this question. When we say that we are making efforts to improve our bilateral

relations with China, it has nothing to do with what our relations will be with Russia or with the relations between Soviet Russia and China. These are completely different, and independent matters.

SHRI ABU ABRAHAM : What is the Soviet Union's reaction to our initiative?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN : Well, really speaking, we have not asked for anybody's reaction in this matter. We ourselves have not asked for anybody's reaction and it would be unfair to ask for anybody's reaction. Even though some media have given their reaction, no Government has given its reaction. Some media have given reactions, mostly the Western media, which seem to be favourable to this step they think that this is a very significant step and they have taken a very keen interest in what we are doing.

श्रीमती लक्ष्मी कुमारी चुंडावत : क्या यह सही है कि चीन में राजदूत भेजने का हमने जो फैसला किया उसकी जितने सीज़न्ड डिप्लोमेट हैं और जो हमारे बेल-विशर कन्ट्री हैं उन सबने मराहना की है, तारीफ की है?

श्री य० ब० चव्हाण : जहा तक मेरी इत्तिहा है हा।

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI : Sir, it is a very touchy question and I must be careful in putting a question. Since the hon. Minister said that certain Western countries have, through their media, expressed their reaction after the Indian decision

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN : I have not said that. I did not say "Western governments, through their media . . ." I said "Western media have expressed . . ." These are two different things.

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI : That is what I have also said, that some of the Western media have expressed their reaction about our decision. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether we are taking steps to make these Western

people understand the stand that we are taking to improve our bilateral position with China.

Are we taking that step to make the Western people understand as to why we are being guided by this attitude of creating good relations with China?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN : Certainly these questions and answers and the explanations that we are giving are one of the methods of educating them and making them understand.

J. K. Aluminium Corporation

*92. **DR. V. B. SINGH :**

SHRI ROSHAN LAL :

SHRI HIMMAT SINGH :

SHRI HARSH DEO MALA-VIYA :

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI :†

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 418 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1976 and state :

(a) whether the J. K. Nagar Aluminium Corporation of West Bengal has started functioning; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV):

(a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) After the announcement of the comprehensive policy on aluminium by Government on July 15 last year, this Company sought certain reliefs so as to enable them to restart their operations. Their request has been examined in detail and Government have notified to them the extent to which relief will be available to them.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Sardar Amjad Ali.