

## RAJYA SABHA

Friday, the 3rd May, 1974/ 13/A Vaisakha,  
1896 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock. Mr.  
Chairman in the chair.

RE: DELHI BANDH

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal):  
Sir, we read in the newspapers that in Delhi. . .

SHRI NIREN GHOSH (West Bengal): On  
a point of order. . .

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: . . . without  
informing the Parliament, the Army has been  
alerted . . .

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Bhupesh, please  
wait. I am rising on a point of order.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: What point of  
order. . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: After the question  
Hour. . .

**श्री रबी राय (उड़ीसा) : यह असाधारण  
स्थिति है, आर्मी को बुला लिया गया है ।**

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: We are on a  
peaceful strike in Delhi. Organisers of the  
strike have made it clear that it will be  
absolutely peaceful strike. The strike is in  
deference to the call by the Leftist parties and  
it is in protest against the anti-people policies  
and for the change of these policies. What is  
the reason for alerting the Army? Are we in  
war with the Government or are we enemy  
subjects for which the Government should  
alert- the Army. . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour should  
go through. . .

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: No Question  
Hour. . .

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: On a point of order.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is it?

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: My point of order  
is this. When on an All India protest action  
day and when there are three

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or four State bandhs in Bombay, Assam,  
Tripura, Kerala and other. . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is no point of  
order. . .

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Without informing  
the Parliament, when it was in session, the  
army has been alerted. They have been asked  
to stand by in the capital city of Delhi. Is it in  
order?

MR. CHAIRMAN: After the Question  
Hour is over. . .

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: No. . . (Inter-  
ruptions).

**श्री रबी राय : आर्मी को बुलाने की क्य-  
जरूरत है ।**

MR. CHAIRMAN: No such points are  
raised during the Question Hour.

**श्री रबी राय : आर्मी को बुलाने की क्या  
जरूरत थी । आर्मी की इसमें क्या जरूरत थी ।**

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: You are in the  
Chair. Kindly tell us one thing. Are we charity  
boys of the country? We also constitute part  
of the sovereign Parliament. You have to look  
after all of us. Can the Government take  
decisions as if we are all irrelevant?  
Everybody knows that a Party like ours which  
has given the call for the strike has made it  
also known that it will be absolutely peaceful  
and will be limited to certain purposes. Many  
Congress supporters have sympathised with  
us. There is no question of any tension. Now  
the newspapers announce that the Army has  
been alerted. . .

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Many have been  
arrested in the Railways. . .

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: That arrest we  
will take up later.

MR. CHAIRMAN: These cannot be raised  
during Question Hour. . .

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: This is too serious  
a matter. The right reaction will be at the top  
of the Government. . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour cannot  
be interrupted like this. Please sit down.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: We are in the majority. They are in a minority. . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. Let us go through the Question Hour.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: I would humbly submit to you to direct the Home Minister to make a statement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will not listen to you. During Question Hour you cannot raise it.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: It is too serious a thing.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I cannot interrupt the Question Hour—may be serious or not.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: I will ask you whether you will direct the Home Minister to make a statement. That is the only point.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I would not interrupt the Question Hour. Please sit down.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: I cannot accept this position. In protest, I walk out.

(At this stage Shri Niren Ghosh left the Chamber).

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### United Nations Conference on the Law of Sea

♦239. SHRI J. S. TILAK:

SHRI GURMUKH SINGH MUSA-FIR<sup>†</sup> DR. Z. A. AHMAD: SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE: SHRI KRISHAN KANT: SHRI V. B. RAJU: SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what subjects were discussed at the first session of the Third United Nations

<sup>†</sup>The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Gurmikh Singh Musafir,

Conference on the Law of Sea held in New York from 3rd to 14th December, 1973;

(b) what decisions were taken thereat; and

(c) whether Government of India have formulated some approach to the forthcoming session of the Conference to be held in Caracas (Venezuela) in June 1974?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### Statement

The first session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea was held in New York from December 3 to 15, 1973 and dealt with matters relating to the organisation of the Conference, including the constitution of committees, election of officers and adoption of the rules of procedure. No substantive questions were discussed during the session.

The following decisions were taken at the first session of the Conference:

(i) Committees.—The Conference will be organised into three main Committees of the whole. Committee I will deal with the international regime for the seabed including an international machinery for the exploitation of the seabed resources. Committee II will deal with the subjects relating to the law of the sea, including those concerning the regime of territorial waters, the continental shelf, fisheries, navigation through international straits, archipelagos etc. Committee III will deal with the preservation of the marine environment and scientific research.

In addition, a General Committee composed of 48 members, a Credentials Committee composed of 9 members and a Drafting Committee composed of 23 members were established.