

the management is not a question of merely being limited to a workers being taken into the board of directors ? May I also know whether the intention of the Government or of the people who want workers' participation in management will only be served by making the worker a participant in the management of every enterprise at all levels and not merely at the level of the Board of Directors and also whether the Government has given any thought to the recommendation of the Sen Committee on the question of workers' participation in the 1A management wherein he had referred to the general problem ?

SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR: Certainly, Sir, the intention is not for representation at the top, but at the various levels representation will be provided.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. Next Question, please.

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*272. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: SHRI C. JAGARLAMUDI: SHRI VITHAL GADGIL: DR. SALIG RAM: SHRI M. PURAKAYASTHA: SHRI CHITTA BASU: SHRIMATI V. P. DESHMUKH. SHRI B. S. SAVNEKAR: SHRI R. P. SINHA: SHRI K. C. PANDA: SHRI M. K. MOHTA: SARDAR G. S. TOHRA: KUMARI SHANTA VASISHT: SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA: SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: SHRI ARJUN ARORA: SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: j SHRI B. V. ABDULLA KOYA: SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL: SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: SHRI KRISHAN KANT:

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SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHARAN: SHRI BALACHANDRA MENON: DR. Z. A. AHMAD: SHRI DEV DATT PURI: SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN

GUPTA: SHRI MONORANJAN ROY: SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: SHRI N. G. GORAY: SHRI V. SATYANARAYANA: SHRI G. GOPINATHAN NAIR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS; *विदेश मंत्री* be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any efforts to open dialogue with China with a view to reviewing the Sino-Indian relations; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS; *विदेश मंत्री* (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) We have talked both in Peking and in Delhi with Chinese officials regarding improvement of India-China relations. Our Ambassadors at various capitals of the world have also expressed the same desire to their Chinese counterparts. In July, 1971, our P. M. wrote to the Chinese Prime Minister. Chou En-lai. When China was given its rightful place in the U. N. at the end of October, 1971, our Prime Minister and Foreign Minister sent messages of congratulations to their Chinese counterparts, *inter alia*, also expressing hope for friendly co-operation between the two countries. We have received some response from the Chinese side.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Sir, as in the case of calling-attention motion, kindly call one member from each party, because the list is too long.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No.

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: Sir, the hon. Minister has stated that

they have received some response from I the Chinese Government in which the Government is encouraged to open a dialogue with China on the question of Sino-Indian relations and to normalise our relations with China. In view of that may I know from the Minister what sort of response they have received from the Chinese Government ?

Secondly, Sir, may I know from the Minister as to what has been the response to the Prime Minister's letter written to the Chinese Prime Minister in July, 1971 ?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Sir, these ; various matters indicating a response from the Chinese side which is a distinct change from their earlier position have been mentioned from time to time and I do not want to enumerate them again.

Sir, about the reply to the letter that had been sent by our Prime Minister, this letter was meant to explain the position in relation to Bangla Desh and no written reply to that was received. But we were not expecting any reply either.

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: Sir, may I know from the Minister whether the recent Chinese stand in the UN makes any change in China's attitude towards the situation in Bangla Desh on which the Prime Minister wrote a letter to the Premier of China ?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: This matter, Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, was discussed at great length on the floor of the House in response to a calling-attention notice and I have nothing more to add.

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: Sir, I want a specific answer. Sir, I am on a point of order. I want a specific answer and I want to know whether the Government of India finds any change in the attitude of China in view of the recent stand taken by them on Bangla Desh on which the Prime Minister wrote a letter to the Chinese Prime Minister.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Sir, I have actually placed on the Table of the House a copy of the statement made by the

Chinese Representative in the Third Committee of the United Nations and at that time I answered a large number of questions including the question by the hon. Member about our appreciation of the Chinese response or China's attitude on the question of Bangla Desh and I have nothing more to add.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Dr. Salig Ram.

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: Sir, my second supplementary has not been answered.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : No. You have already asked two questions. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE : Sir, my second supplementary has not been answered.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No. You have already asked two questions, please. Dr. Salig Ram.

डा० शालिधाम : क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बताने को कृपा करेंगे कि जब, जैसा कि उन्होंने कहा है हम चाइना के साथ डिप्लोमैटिक रिश्तेशन्स बेहतर बनाने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं, उनके साथ ट्रेड एग्रीमेंट वगैरह करने की बात हमारी सरकार सोचती है, तो क्या आगे हमारे यहाँ होने वाली इन्टरनेशनल कॉन्फरेंस में भी उनको इन्वाइट करने का इरादा सरकार रखती है या नहीं ?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Sir, with the improvement of relations, trade also can start, and should start, because in the economic field there should be greater co-operation at the international level. Trade is not confined only to countries who see eye to eye in all political matters with each other.

About extending invitations in economic and cultural conferences, the Chinese representation now will be automatically there in most of the international conferences because they are members of the United Nations now, and as such they will automatically be participating in many of these international conferences.

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: What about the territory in their possession ?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Niranjana Varma.

श्री निरंजन वर्मा : अभी तक जो कुछ भी समाचार-पत्रों से और माननीय मंत्री जी के वक्तव्यों से जानकारी हुई है, उससे स्थिति तो बिल्कुल साफ है और गवर्नमेंट को किसी प्रकार से किसी संकट में न डालते हुए भी हम इतना जरूर पूछना चाहते हैं कि वर्तमान में 1961 की अपेक्षा अब चीन अपने पत्रों का उत्तर तो देने लगा है। लेकिन अब जैसे समाचारपत्रों में एक ख़ब्र निकल रही है कि आपकी सरकार अक्साइचिन के बारे में एक सौदा या समझौता चुपचाप करने की फिराक में है और इसके बारे में कोई बातचीत भी आप जारी रखना चाहते हैं। तो क्या बातचीत जारी रखने के पूर्व जो आप निर्णय लेंगे उससे इस संसद् को अवगत करायेंगे और संसद् की इच्छाओं के अनुसार ही आप अक्साइचिन के बारे में कोई बातचीत करेंगे ?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: There is no proposal at the moment to start any talk or any discussion about Aksai Chin. Rest of the question does not arise.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chitta Basu.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Government is contemplating to appoint an Ambassador in Peking in order to start a dialogue with China on many important issues, including the border disputes? Do they want to upgrade it to that level—unilaterally?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: This possibility is not excluded.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lokanath Misra.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: May I know whether the initial dialogue was attempted to be started through one of the most eminent authors of Chinese literature, —Dr. (Mrs.) Han Suin—who came here at the invitation of Government.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Who? SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: I am quite surprised. The External Affairs Minister signs as if he does not know anything about it. You must be knowing.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please ask your question.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: He wanted me to repeat the name. May I know whether Mrs. Han Suin had a series of discussions at the highest level in India with our authorities and was expected to go back to China and discuss matters with the Chinese authorities and then submit a report to the Government of India? May I know whether she has already submitted her report to the Government of India, and whether something came out in the name of Mrs. Han Suin's report in one of the national daily newspapers of India? That report contains a lot of material which is of vital importance to India.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: No, Sir. We never wanted to trouble this lady for carrying on any dialogue with the Chinese. We have got direct relations with them. We have got a Mission in Peking, and they have got a Mission in Delhi. And then our Ambassadors in various other countries are in touch with each other. We did not want to trouble this lady nor did we want to use any intermediary for starting a dialogue.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: I would like to have a categorical answer to my question: Did they have any discussions with Mrs. Han Suin regarding the dialogue, and whether she was requested to submit a report to the Government of India? This is my frank question. Kindly reply to this.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: No, Sir.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: The importance of this question arises from the fact that the Chinese attitude *vis-a-vis* Bangla Desh varies. Various types of statements are being made by Chinese leaders. Recently, at Taxila, a senior Chinese Minister, whose name I cannot recollect, has said that China is prepared to help Pakistan with regard to the question of Bangla Desh and is prepared to be with them. This is one statement. Another statement comes from some other source that it is for India and Pakistan to settle

their differences on the question of Bangla Desh, thereby equating both Pakistan and India. I want to know whether this statement and several other statements that have emanated from Chinese sources have been assessed properly. If so, what is likely to be the final attitude of China with regard to Bangla Desh? Are they going to be with Pakistan to crush Bangla Desh and Sheikh Mujibur Rehman's.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is not relevant to the main question.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: All these questions are inter-related. We cannot separate one from the other. Therefore, I would like to know whether a total assessment has been made of China's attitude *vis-a-vis* Bangla Desh.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Yes, Sir, all these statements have been assessed and China's attitude to the happenings in Bangla Desh is the one that was mentioned by the Chinese representative in the Third Committee of the U. N.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: May I know, Sir, what is the attitude of the Government of India towards normalising relations with China which is always welcome? In this connection will the Government be always guided by just the political implications of the outbursts of some Chinese representatives, whether it is in the Third Committee of the U. N. or whether it is in some newspaper published in Hong Kong? They should not be taken into consideration because the basic effort should be to normalise relations with China, which will be in the interests of both the countries. So, may I know, Sir, whether the Government agrees with this view?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I have noted his view and I have great respect for his view.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT: In spite of the repeated assertions from Islamabad that the Chinese will come to their full support, and the indications from time to

time by certain spokesmen from Peking, especially in Morocco and Taxila—both have appeared today—do the Government of India still reasonably have an optimistic view of improving our relations, between India and China?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: We neednot be very optimistic but, even if we are not optimistic we should pursue the policy if we think that it is in our long-term national interests.

श्री राजनारायण : क्या भारत सरकार इस बात को मानती है कि 1962 में 20 अक्टूबर को चीन ने भारत पर हमला किया था? क्या भारत सरकार इस बात को मानती है कि हमारा लद्दाख का इलाका अब भी चीन के कब्जे में है। क्या भारत सरकार इस बात को मानती है कि अक्साइचिन पूर्णरूपेण भारत का है? क्या भारत की सरकार इस बात को मानती है कि उर्वशीयम के क्षेत्र पर चीन ने हमला किया था?

श्री सी० डी० पांडे : नेफा ।

श्री राजनारायण : आप नेफा कहो, हम उसको उर्वशीयम कहते हैं, उत्तर पूर्वी सीमांचल ।

श्री सी० डी० पांडे : उसको मिनिस्टर नहीं समझते, इसलिए मैंने नेफा कहा ।

श्री राजनारायण : यदि हाँ, तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ चीन के साथ भारत की सरकार की सद्भावना का आधार क्या है, चीन ने ऐसा कौन सा कदम उठाया है, जिस कदम को भारत की सरकार देख रही है कि चीन का एटीट्यूड, चीन का रुख भारत के प्रति बदला है? इसी के साथ-साथ मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो अभी-अभी संयुक्त राष्ट्र की असेम्बली में चीन के प्रतिनिधि ने बंगला देश के बारे में और भारत के बारे में बयान दिया है, क्या भारत की सरकार उस बयान को देखते हुए यह समझती है कि चीन की दृष्टि बदली है? क्या भारत की सरकार इस बात को मानती है कि चीन के प्रतिनिधि ने यहाँ तक कहा कि भारत की सरकार ने तिब्बत में भारतीय लोगों को भेज कर वहाँ पर गड़-वड़ पैदा किया था और आज भी भारतीय लोगों को भेज कर बंगला देश में गड़वड़ पैदा कर रही है। अगर यह बात सही है तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या भारत की सरकार देश की जनता को स्पष्ट

करेगी कि क्या कारण है कि बिना इन मामलों पर सफाई दिए हुए भारत की सरकार आज चीन के साथ बौद्ध कर क लावायित हो कर माझों की मुस्कान पर मस्त होती है ।

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Sir, there is no doubt that our relations with China after the 1962 conflict with China have always been such which were not even normal; although we had diplomatic relations, they were not of a normal nature. After the lapse of this time if we move towards normal relations, it should be something which is desirable and should have the support of the entire House and the entire country. Of course, in doing that, we have to safeguard our own interests and it may be that our interests themselves demand that we should make distinct moves towards normalisation of relations. It is in that spirit that we should view this problem that we are handling now.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Arora.

श्री राजनारायण : श्रीमन्, प्वाइंट आफ आर्डर ।

श्री उपसभापति : ठीक है, आप बैठिये । आपके सवाल का जवाब उन्होंने दे दिया ।

श्री राजनारायण : श्रीमन्, हमारे एक सवाल का जवाब नहीं हुआ । मैं आपसे निवेदन करूंगा कि आप हमारी रक्षा करें । हमने पूछा था कि क्या भारत की सरकार जानती है कि चीन ने 1962 में अक्टूबर 20 को हमला किया था, मगर उन्होंने इसका कोई उत्तर नहीं दिया । हमने यह भी पूछा था कि क्या भारत की सरकार मानती है कि

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I would like him to refer to the statements that were made by the Prime Minister of India at that time and we have nothing to add to what was stated by the Prime Minister at that time.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know if the Government has taken note of the fact that the Chinese invited our table tennis team to Peking and the members of the team have come back with friendly impressions ? Will the Government res-

pond to this gesture of friendship by inviting a Chinese team for playing kabaddi or hockey ?

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Or a beauty contest ?

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: Secondly, will the Government consider the advisability of sending a special emissary to China to explain to the Chinese leaders the correct implications of the situation in Bangla Desh—the liberation struggle being fought by the Bengali people ?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: With regard to the first question, it is a fact that the table tennis team from India which participated in the tournament in Peking, was well received by the officials as well as non-officials, and I myself had the pleasure of meeting the members of this team. They have come back highly impressed by the general feeling of friendship that they experienced and the manner in which they were treated by the people. Our team visited that country on the invitation of China and if there are any sports or events of an international character to be organised in India, we would certainly invite them and in the cultural field or in the economic field also if there are any possibilities of cooperation, we will continue to explore them.

Then about the second question that he asked as to whether we are contemplating to send any special emissary to explain the position of Bangla Desh, at this stage, I would like to say that this is a suggestion and we can consider.

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