

†[ROAD CONSTRUCTION BY PAKISTAN
NEAR INDIAN BORDER IN KASHMIR

108 SHRI J. P. YADAV. Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state .

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has constructed a 155 miles long all weather road near the Indian border in Kashmir linking Gilgit with interior Pakistan which poses a threat to the security of India ; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to counteract the threat ?]

रक्षा मंत्री (सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह) : (क) तथा (ख) जी हा । पाकिस्तान ने पाक अधिभूत कश्मीर में गिलगित और स्कार्डू को जोड़ने वाली एक 155 मील लम्बी सड़क का निर्माण किया है । इस सड़क को सितम्बर 1968 में याता-यात के लिए खोल दिया गया था । पाकिस्तान ने अवैध रूप में हमारे भू-भाग में इस सड़क का जो निर्माण किया है उसका हमारी सुरक्षा व्यवस्था पर और प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है । सरकार ने इस पर यथेष्ट ध्यान दे रखा है और पाकिस्तान को विरोध पत्र भी भेज रखा है । इस सम्बन्ध में आवश्यक उपाय भी किए जा चुके हैं ।

†[THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Pakistan has constructed a 155 mile road linking Gilgit and Skardu in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir which was opened to traffic in September-1968. The construction of this road in our territory illegally occupied by Pakistan further affects our security. Government have already taken due note of these aspects, lodged protests with Pakistan and have taken appropriate measures.]

PAKISTAN'S AID TO NAGA AND MIZO HOSTILES

*109. SHRI M. K. MOHTA :
SHRI RAJNARAIN :
SARDAR NARINDAR
SINGH BRAR :

†[] English translation.

SHRI GANESHI LAL
CHAUDHARY :

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are now in possession of certain documents in support of Pakistan's aid to Naga and Mizo hostiles in the form of arms, guerilla training and funds;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these documents reveal plan to destroy important bridges, factories etc., and sabotaging of Indian Navy cruiser with the help of the Government of Pakistan.

(c) if so, whether copies thereof will be laid on the Table of the House, and

(d) what is the reaction of Government in regard thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Copies are laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix LXVI, Annexure No. 15]

(d) Government have lodged strong protests with the Government of Pakistan who have denied that they are providing any assistance to the hostile Nagas. The last such protest was made on the 16th August, 1967. In this connection attention is invited to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 10110 answered on the 8th May, 1968.

मैसर्स मुगल लाइन लिमिटेड द्वारा हजयात्रा के लिए की गई व्यवस्था

*110. श्री राजनारायण : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मुगल लाइन लिमिटेड द्वारा हजयात्रा के लिए की गयी व्यवस्था के सबब में शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं, और ,

(ख) यदि हा, तो ये शिकायतें किस प्रकार की हैं और सरकार द्वारा उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है ?

†[ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY M/S.
MOGHUL LINE LTD. FOR THE
PILGRIMAGE TO HAJ]

*110. SHRI RAJNARAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been complaints regarding the arrangements made by the Moghul Line Ltd. for the pilgrims to Haj; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of these complaints and what action has been taken by Government thereon?

वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्रालय मे उपमन्त्री (श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह) : (क) और (ख) 1968 के हज मे अमीरुल हजाज ने और दूसरे यात्रियों ने घटिया किस्म का चावल दिए जाने, सफाई का ठीक इतजाम न होने तथा सुविधाएँ अपर्याप्त होने की, जैसे कि नलो, पखो, घौकनियों की अपर्याप्त मख्या, जहाज पर माइक के प्रबन्ध की सामान्य किस्म की शिकायतें की थी ।

सरकार ने इन शिकायतों को मुगल लाइन लिमिटेड के सामने रखा है और उसने कहा है कि जहाज पर यात्रियों को बेहतर खाना देने के लिए वे समुचित कदम उठाए । मुगल लाइन से यह भी कहा गया है कि वे जहाज पर यात्रियों की परिचर्या और उन्हें जो सुविधाएँ दी जाती हैं उसमे सुधार किया जाए तथा जहाज पर सफाई के प्रबन्ध भी बेहतर किए जाए ।

मुगल लाइन से यह भी कहा गया है कि वे बेहतर और तेज जहाज चलाए और यह उम्मीद की जाती है कि 1970 मे मुगल लाइन को जब एक नया जहाज मिल जाएगा तो यात्रियों को बेहतर सुविधाएँ मिल सकेगी ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) Complaints of a general nature, like supply of poor quality of rice, lack of proper sanitary conditions and inadequate amenities like insufficient number of water taps, fans blowers, mike arrangements on board the ships, were made by the Amirul-Hujjaj and individual pilgrims during Haj 1968.

†[] English translation.

Government have brought these complaints to the notice of the Mogul Line Ltd. and asked them to take appropriate steps to supply better food to the pilgrims on board the ships. The Mogul Line have also been asked to improve upon the service and the amenities provided to the pilgrims and also the sanitary arrangements on board the ship.

The Mogul Line have also been asked to introduce better and quicker ships and it is hoped that the pilgrims will have better facilities when a new ship becomes available to the Mogul Line Ltd. in 1970]

SELECTION OF INDIAN JOURNALISTS TO COVER OVERSEAS STATE VISITS

*111. SHRI M. PURKAYASTHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry of External Affairs has sponsored trips of selected Indian Journalists to cover overseas State visits of the national and Governmental leaders;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether Government will place the list of such journalists on the Table of the House along with detailed information, and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry recently booked a passage with Air India for the journey of a non-official journalist to Latin American countries to cover the Prime Minister's tour when other agency and newspaper correspondents were asked to purchase their own tickets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

PAKISTAN LAW MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON KACHCHATIVU

*112. SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY :
SHRI GODEY MURAHARI :
SHRI RAJNARAIN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Governments' attention has been drawn to the statement made