

[Shrimati Indira Gandhi]

think we can get the same information through other means.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I am not going to give very much time on this. The statement is clear and she has clarified Mr. Lokanath Misra's statement also.

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY : The Deputy Prime Minister was reported to have said something about the two-China policy, but immediately after that it was published in the Indian press. The next day a spokesman of the External Affairs Ministry gave some clarification though he did not say that it was a statement clarifying the position with regard to two Chinas. It actually meant that he was contradicting what the Deputy Prime Minister had said there and it was impertinent on the part of the spokesman of the External Affairs Ministry to go to the press and make a clarificatory statement. It was left to the Prime Minister to have made that statement. It was impertinent on the part of the External Affairs Ministry spokesman to have made that statement. Is it not so?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : I have tried to explain that no spokesman went to the press with a statement. The spokesman was approached by some pressmen with certain questions. He drafted replies to the questions and I was shown them in a routine manner to confirm whether the replies were correct. Since the replies were in accordance with our policy, I said "Yes". There was no mention of the Deputy Prime Minister's name or statement in them.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I am passing on to the next item. The Prime Minister has got a very urgent appointment.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH (West Bengal) : I seek one clarification.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I have passed on to the next item.

श्री सुन्दर सिंह मंडारी : मैं एक सवाल पूछना चाहता हूँ। एक को आप इजाजत दें दूसरे को न दें यह समझ में नहीं आता।

INTRODUCTION OF NEW DEPUTY MINISTERS

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI) : Madam, may I introduce my four colleagues, the new Deputy Ministers : Shri Jagannath Pahadia, Shri Sidheshwar Prasad, Chowhary Ram Sewak and Shri Mohammad Yunus Saleem.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The House welcomes them all.

STATEMENT RE MAIN CONCLUSIONS OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE ON COTTON TEXTILES

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI) : The hon. Members would recall that on July 28, 1967 when Shri L. N. Mishra, former Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation, laid on the Table of the House a Statement of the Main Conclusions of the 2nd Session of the Industrial Committee on Cotton Textiles (New Delhi—May 8, 1967), one of the Members enquired whether a similar statement had been placed in respect of the first session of the Committee also, and he promised that we would find out the position.

I have since ascertained the position which is as follows :

No such statement was laid on the Table of the House in respect of the first session of the Committee which was held in 1948. That session was held in January, 1948 and not in 1958 as stated by Shri Sundaram.