

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: Even with regard to old maps, I have indicated that all subsequent information we receive will be all incorporated in the old maps so that the hon. Member need not have any apprehension that up-to-date knowledge has not been conveyed to the formations. I may also submit that the task of modifying maps from time to time is undertaken in a phased programme. Having regard to our long land frontiers it would not be easy to be up-to-date in every respect with regard to all areas. But we have drawn up a list of priorities with regard to sensitive areas and other important places. We give importance to that and prepare the necessary maps and give them to the formations concerned.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Did any Army Commander complain that out-of-date maps were supplied to them during the operations?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: I have no information about it.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: I would like to know whether these were military maps, 1929 maps, or these maps were maps showing our border, or whether it is a fact that old maps showed our international border differently and so they have been withdrawn, and if so, why they were given to the military at all.

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: There is a Department under the Ministry of Education but the head of that Department is a military officer, the Director General. We have also a particular Section in the Army Headquarters also to deal with these maps, and the Department under the Ministry of Education caters to both the civil side and the military side. As far as the military side is concerned it deals with what are called the primary maps, these large-scale maps, where the peculiar places, the particular places and strategic positions have to be indicated in the maps.

INDIAN AMBASSADOR IN SPAIN

*41. **SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Ambassador in Madrid, Maharaja of Jaipur, has expressed his desire to resign from the diplomatic post; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Is it a fact that last year there was an agreement between some leaders of the Congress Party and the Maharaja of Jaipur, who was a Member of this House, that he should go as an Ambassador to a foreign country, that he should not come during the fourth general election, and that, if possible, he should also take away his wife as the First Lady in the Embassy? After that it would appear that the Ambassador's wife, the lady, has come back. The Ambassador is also now coming back to participate in the elections on behalf of the Swatantra Party. Is there any truth in it or is there any communication or hint or suggestion of that kind?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: It is only in the imagination of the hon. Member when he talked of any agreement between the Maharaja of Jaipur and the Congress Party. In fact a number of holy and unholy alliances, electoral alliances, amongst various parties of the Opposition are there. I am not quite sure whether the great party to which Mr. Bhupesh Gupta belongs is actually free from such alliances, holy and unholy, in many parts of the country. So there was no questions of any understanding of the type that was mentioned by the hon. Member. This is a free country.

Husband and wife in many cases are known to belong to different parties and we are quite familiar with that phenomenon. It is not confined only to the Maharaja. Even regarding others, Socialists, Congressmen, Communists also, there are husbands and wives belonging to different parties. Whatever are their likes or dislikes for contesting the election it is a matter for them to decide. So long as he is the Ambassador he is under the discipline of the Government and he cannot obviously think of a political life. In fact when he met me in London a few months back, he said that all these news items that are appearing are absolutely unfounded and that he likes his work and he wants to continue.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: You have seen what a long answer he has given covering the entire electoral strategy of all the parties. I am absolutely on this point. Now I say that we do not separate the husband from the wife. We never do it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: A good thing.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: We want a good conjugal life. Here was Mr. Man Singh, the Maharaja of Jaipur. As far as we know, he did not belong to the Congress Party. He was in the Opposition and was directly associated with the Swatantra Party and he was a great patron of the Swatantra Party in Rajasthan. May I know how it is that the Government's choice fell on him when everybody knows that the international policy of the Swatantra Party and its friend is entirely different from what the Government pursues? What is the special reason for this grand choice that was made for appointment as Ambassador? Do I understand that the Congress Party is so short of intelligence, elementary intelligence, for this purpose that they could not find anyone from their party and had to go and intrude into the Opposition in order again to grab the wrong man?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: We have not been swayed by political and party considerations in making appointments of Ambassadors.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: What was the consideration? Because he has a beautiful wife? (*Interruptions*) If you read books on diplomacy and other things, you will find in many books written in England that it is advantageous to have an Ambassador who has a beautiful wife. Therefore, I am not asking any irrelevant question. That is why I am asking you.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: A bachelor is not entitled to ask that question.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I see. He said, a bachelor is not entitled to ask that question. Then do I understand that only married people have the right to know everything about it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do not go into this.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: We know a bit more about it than the bachelors.

DR. B. N. ANTANI: Is it not because the Swatantra Party is more respected by the Government Benches than the other parties?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I have already said that in the appointment of our Ambassadors or representatives to our missions abroad, we are not swayed by political and party considerations, but by the suitability of an individual for a particular job to which he is sent.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know if in appointing an Ambassador abroad the Government takes care to ascertain that the gentleman or the lady appointed believes in the foreign policy of the Government . . .

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Never.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: . . . and undertakes to project in any country to which he or she is accredited that policy?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: That is the minimum requirement and that is the minimum expectation from any head of mission that he should project the policy of the Government of which he is the representative.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Now, here he was speaking on foreign policy matters. The proceedings of Parliament will show that he was expressing views on foreign policy matters exactly in the opposite way to the position of the Government. What is the secret then behind the sudden choice?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: There is no secret, Sir. It was an open choice, and even the hon. Member has woken up after a considerable time.

VISIT OF U.K. IMPERIAL DEFENCE COLLEGE TEAM TO INDIA

*42. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 15-member team of officers from the United Kingdom Imperial Defence College came to India and visited Jammu and Kashmir for four days;

(b) if so, the purpose of the visit and details of the itinerary of the team in India;

(c) whether Government have made any assessment of the outcome of the visit and if so, what are the results; and

(d) who paid the expenses of the team in India?

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THOMAS): (a) and (b) A party of 15 consisting of staff and student-officers of Imperial Defence College, London, visited this country from 7th September to 15th September, 1966 and again from 18th to 20th September, 1966.

The purpose of such visits is to enable student-officers to broaden their outlook. The team visited, besides Delhi, Agra, Ambala, Srinagar, Calcutta, Poona, Bangalore, Madras and Bombay. They stayed at Srinagar for four days for sight-seeing.

(c) Apart from being of benefit to the student-officers themselves, such visits create good will.

(d) All expenditure in connection with the travel, transport, messing and accommodation was borne by the visitors themselves. However, expenditure on special entertainments given by the Ministry of Defence and Service authorities was incurred by the Government of India.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Since it was a military team which visited, may I know whether all the military secrets at those places were placed at their disposal in order to broaden their outlook so that they could study India's military strategy?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: With regard to visits to the defence installations, foreign visitors—it is the general policy of the Government—are not shown the secret sections or the sensitive areas.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Is it a fact that Gen. Tibbet, the notorious Hiroshima air pilot, as the Chief of the US Mission visited Jammu and Kashmir and other delicate parts and was shown all the military installations and the strategic planning made by the Government of India?

SHRI A. D. MANI: United Kingdom not United States.