

श्री राजनारायण : आपसे मुझको यह रिक्वेस्ट करनी है कि आज इस सारे राष्ट्रीय स्वतन्त्रता संग्राम का अपमान कर दिया माननीय मंत्री महोदया ने . . .

माननीय सदस्य : नहीं, नहीं।

श्री राजनारायण : नहीं, नहीं मत करो, बिल्कुल कर दिया। Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose stands alone. नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र अकेला खड़ा है। नेताजी ने जिस ढंग की कुरबानी की भारत के लिए वैसी दूसरे की नहीं है।

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR : On a point of order, Mr. Chairman . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have passed on to the next question.

श्री राजनारायण : आप चले गए दूसरे प्रश्न पर ?

SHRI CHITTA BASU : I have got only one small question.

MR. CHAIRMAN : No, I have passed on to the next question. I will not allow any more.

SHRI CHITTA BASU : It is very important.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Will you please sit down ?

HON. MEMBERS : Obey the Chair.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : In that case you allow a 'Half-an-Hour' discussion on this.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Why a 'Half-an-Hour' discussion ?

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : We want a discussion on the policy adopted by All India Radio towards Netaji. We, on this side, feel that injustice is being done to Netaji. Let the hon. Minister ex-

plain why Netaji has been put in the second line and not in the first line ?

SHRI JAIRAMDAS DAULATRAM : May I say, Sir, that since the Chairman has called the next question, we should proceed to the next question ? The issue raised, though it is important, can be discussed shortly on some other occasion in some other way.

MR. CHAIRMAN : That is a proposal.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : Let there be a discussion.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I will consider that. Next question.

SETTLEMENT OF VIETNAM ISSUE

*4. SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India propose to take any initiative for a peaceful settlement of the Vietnam issue; and

(b) if so, the details of such an initiative ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) and (b) The Government of India have been in contact with friendly countries which are interested in the Vietnam and are watching the situation which continues to be serious.

SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN : There have been reports in the American press that India has given a commitment to the United States of America not to make any statement or move on Vietnam, which will embarrass America. Has any such commitment been given ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : No, Sir, and I would not advise the hon. Member to go by the American press.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA : For taking any initiative, it is necessary that India must have some influence with the powers concerned in the dispute on the Vietnam issue

and since neither Hanoi nor Peking is very friendly to India—they do not think well of India—what point is there in India taking the initiative, when none of these parties concerned is prepared to listen favourably to our proposal ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : I do not think that the parties are necessarily limited to the two countries, which the hon. Member has mentioned. There are other parties also to the dispute. So far as North Vietnam is concerned, I would not say that our relations with North Vietnam are bad.

SHRI ABID ALI : Is it not a fact that this conflict in Vietnam, in a way, weakens China and in view of the inimical attitude of China towards us, is it not in our interest that our attitude should be such that it would further weaken China in this particular respect ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : Our attitude in this respect is to try to find a peaceful solution for the Vietnam issue.

SHRI C. D. PANDE : Some time back our President made a suggestion that the American and other foreign forces there, should be replaced by an Afro-Asian force. May I know whether such a suggestion has been received favourably in Hanoi, Washington and Peking ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : We did not make any proposal. We had made some general suggestions which were later discussed with a number of countries. Obviously we have not been able to carry it very far.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY : Is it true that the Government have sent a special representative to sound the views of Hanoi before taking steps to effect any settlement ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : No, Sir.

SHRI M. N. GOVINDAN NAIR : May I know whether it is a fact that a Government official has been sent to Hanoi to have discussions with Dr. Ho Chi Minh for a peaceful settlement of the issue and

whether it is a fact that the Government of India have asked America to withdraw its forces from South Vietnam ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : I am afraid the hon. Member is going by newspaper stories. We did send an official, but not to have any talks regarding the problem of Vietnam. He had gone there purely to see how we could effect economy in the two Commissions in Laos and in Vietnam. He has come back.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : सभापति जी, क्या सरकार को इस बात की अनुभूति है कि वियतनाम के प्रश्न पर हाल में जो रवैया अपनाया गया है उसके बारे में बड़ी गलत-फहमी पैदा हुई है। विदेश मंत्रालय की रिपोर्ट में जो कुछ कहा गया, बाद में उसका जिस तरह से खंडन किया गया, विदेश मंत्री महोदय जिस तरह से सम्बन्ध में भारत सरकार की स्थिति को पेश करने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं उससे स्थिति स्पष्ट होने के बजाय उसके बारे में और भ्रम पैदा हो रहे हैं। मैं जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या यह सच है कि रिपोर्ट में जो कुछ कहा गया है उस पर संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका ने विरोध प्रगट किया है और उसको लेकर विदेश मंत्रालय के किसी अफसर को डांट पिलाई गई है।

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH : It is absolutely incorrect that there is any going back upon the position as mentioned in the annual report of the External Affairs Ministry. Press reports to the effect that any approach was made to us, or that we, as a result of that, took any action or reprimanded any of our officers, are absolutely unfounded. So, I do not know wherefrom this has been taken and I would request the hon. Member to attach more weight to what we say rather than to what appears in the American newspapers.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : Not American newspapers. It was a Bombay weekly.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA : May I know if the Government has taken note of the

attitude taken by enlightened public opinion in the USA led by Senators Fulbright and Wayne Morse and in view of their utterances and also the utterances of Prof. Galbraith, which are well known to the Government, does Government think that this is the correct time to take the initiative to restore peace in this Asian country?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : We are aware of the statements and utterances which hon. Member has referred to. It is very difficult to say whether this is the right time to take any initiative in the sense of coming out with any new proposals, but we are constantly in touch with friendly countries and when the time comes we shall certainly come out with some proposals.

VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL

*5. SHRI A. D. MANI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any taxis or tourist cars were engaged by Government for the use of the President of Israel at Calcutta when he passed through India recently; and

(b) if so, what was the amount spent by Government on these taxis or tourist cars ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) The Israeli Consul, who was responsible for making transport arrangements, was assisted by the West Bengal Government in procuring suitable cars for the Israeli President's transit through Calcutta.

(b) The Government has paid Rs. 236 for bills which it has received in this connection. It is, however, understood that another bill for Rs. 367 was paid by the Israeli Consul directly to the taxi owners.

SHRI A. D. MANI : May I ask the Minister what was the procedure adopted in regard to the engaging of taxis ? Was any request made by the Israeli Consul for transport arrangements or did the Government make the transport arrange-

ments on their own initiative and submitted the bills to the Israeli Consul for settlement ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : We did not submit any bill to the Israeli Consul for payment. He made the payment directly, as I have mentioned in my answer. We assisted him in arranging for these taxis. The second bill came to us and we paid that.

SHRI A. D. MANI : May I ask the Minister how the President of Israel was received when he visited this country ? Was he received by any official of the E.A. Ministry or was he received only by the representatives of the State Government ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : These questions have been dealt with before.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : A definite allegation has been made that for the transport provided for the President of Israel from Dum Dum airport to the hotel, a bill for Rs. 400 had been sent to the Israeli Consul. Is the Government in a position to deny this allegation ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : I gave the correct facts in my reply.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : What facts ?

MR CHAIRMAN : The facts that he has given.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : Is it not a fact that the Consul has been made to pay for the taxis which were provided by the Government of India for the transport of the President from Dum Dum airport to the hotel ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : I wish the hon. Member had listened to me. I said we did not send any bill to the Consul. How could we have made him pay this ?

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY : I would like to know whether the President of Israel passed through Delhi and