

श्री राज बहादुर : वैंटरीज के अभाव में भी कुछ सेट्स ऐसे हैं, जिनकी संख्या में निश्चित तो नहीं बता सकता, जो कि बिगड़े पड़े रहते हैं। वैंटरीज के बारे में यह है कि जितनी आवश्यकता है उतनी देश में बनती नहीं हैं, उनको बनाने के लिये और उद्योग को इस दिशा में प्रगति देने के लिये आवश्यक कदम उठाये गये हैं और इंडस्ट्रीज मिनिस्टर से इस बारे में परामर्श किया है, उन्होंने इसमें कुछ सुधार करने की कोशिश की है।

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : The hon. Minister will agree that for quite some time now this problem has been engaging the attention of Government. May I ask him whether the idea of giving some extra allowance to the Field Publicity Officers or to the electricians who go round the electrified villages and asking them to take charge of the repair of the radio sets has been tried and for that do we need new centres to be organised ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : I must confess that this idea which has been given by the hon. Member has not been worked and certainly it is worth examining. We can make much better use of the Field Publicity Units but there also we are essentially limited by the number. For about 655 districts we have got only 122 field units and they are also not well equipped. We should really understand the limitations of the field publicity staff itself.

* 136. [The questioners (Sarvashri Rajnarain and Ram Singh) were absent. For answer, vide cols. 850-51 infra.]

हथियारों को खरीदने के लिए सऊदी अरब से पाकिस्तान को ऋण

* 137. श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरङ्गिया : क्या वैंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सऊदी अरब ने पाकिस्तान को विश्व बाजार से हथियार खरीदने के लिए 10 करोड़ डालर का बिना ब्याज का ऋण दिया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में भारत सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

LoAN FROM SAUDI ARABIA TO PAKISTAN FOR PURCHASE OF ARMS

*137. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Saudi Arabia has given an inter est-free loan of 100 million dollars to Pakistan for the purchase of arms in the world market; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India in this regard ?]

वैंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दिनेश सिंह) : (क) सऊदी अरब द्वारा पाकिस्तान को जो सैनिक उपकरण खरीदने के लिए बड़ी मात्रा में ऋण देने के बारे में सरकार ने समय-समय पर अखबारों में रिपोर्टें देखी हैं। सऊदी अरब सरकार ने इन रिपोर्टों को अस्वीकार किया है।

(ख) सरकार ने इस बात को बार-बार स्पष्ट कर दिया है कि पाकिस्तान को दी जाने वाली हथियारों की ऐसी सहायता को भारत अमैत्रीपूर्ण कार्य समझेगा और यह भी, कि इस प्रकार की मदद इस उप-महाद्वीप में शांति के लिए सहायक नहीं होगी; इससे ताश्कंद घोषणा पर अमल करना कठिन हो जाएगा।

[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) The Government have seen press reports from time to time about Saudi Arabia giving large credits to Pakistan for purchase of military equipment. These reports have been denied by the Saudi Arabian Government.

(b) The Government has made it repeatedly clear that any such arms assistance to Pakistan would be regarded by India as an unfriendly act and that, furthermore, such assistance would not be conducive to peace on the sub-continent and make the implementation of the Tashkent Declaration more difficult.]

t[] English translation.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरङ्गिया : क्या श्रीमान यह बतलायेंगे कि अखबारों में समाचार प्रकाशित हुआ और वहाँ की सरकार ने इसके बारे में इंकार किया, किन्तु क्या हमने इस बात का भी प्रयत्न किया अथवा नहीं कि बिना सम्वाददाताओं ने उन समाचारों को प्रकाशित कराया उनसे भी इस बात की जानकारी लेते कि यह समाचार कहां तक सत्य है? इसके बारे में कोई कोशिश की गई?

श्री दिनेश सिंह : आम तौर पर हम कोशिश करते हैं जानने के लिये कि कोई बात छपे तो उसमें कहां तक सत्य है उसको देखें लेकिन जब बार-बार एक सरकार एक बात को इंकार करती है, अस्वीकार करती है तो उसके बारे में और ज्यादा छानबीन करना जरा कठिन हो जाता है।

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरङ्गिया : यह तो महत्व की बात हो जाती है जब सामनेवाली सरकार इंकार करती है कि हमने कोई मदद नहीं दी और जब कि अखबारवाले और सम्वाददाता बराबर कहते हैं कि मदद दी गई है। इसलिए हमको ऐसी स्थिति में उनकी वास्तविकता की जांच करने के लिए सम्वाददाताओं से पूछना आवश्यक है। आमतौर पर नहीं बल्कि खासतौर पर इस मामले में क्यों नहीं पूछा गया? इसका कोई विशेष कारण है, क्या माननीय मंत्री जी बतलाने की कोशिश करेंगे?

श्री दिनेश सिंह : तरह-तरह की बातें, समापति महोदय, अखबारों में क्यों छपती रहती हैं, यह कहना मेरे लिए कठिन है। जब कि एक अखबार में इसके बारे में खबर छपी थी तो सरकार ने वहाँ अपने राजदूत से पूछा और उन्होंने वहाँ की सरकार से बात की और उन्होंने इंकार किया। इसलिए हमें सरकार की बात माननी चाहिये।

SHRI MUCA GOVTNDA REDDY : I would like to know whether it has come to the notice of the Government that Pakistan is acquiring and has acquired arms

/ from Turkey, from Iran and some other NATO countries, and also China, and whether this is in keeping with the Tashkent spirit and whether the confrontation threat that has been posed by the Pakistan Foreign Minister is in keeping with the Tashkent Declaration and what steps the Government is considering to counter this.

SHRI DINESH SINGH : It is well known to the House that the attitude of Pakistan is not very helpful in promoting the Tashkent Declaration or the Tashkent spirit. This has been made clear by the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister. We have also brought it to the notice of friendly countries. They have themselves seen these statements.

SHRI CHITTA BASU : May J. know whether the Government is aware of the fact that Portugal is buying arms for Pakistan from foreign markets?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : It is possible that Portugal is doing that.

SHRI D. THENGARI : Have we tried through our own sources to ascertain whether this report is correct, apart from the reply of the Saudi Arabian Government or the newspaper reports? Through our own intelligence sources have we tried to ascertain the veracity?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : It would be very difficult for me to divulge what we have been able to ascertain through our intelligence sources, but as I said in this particular case we should accept what the Government has said.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA : It seems that Government have accepted the word of the Saudi Arabian Government and rightly so in this case, but may I remind the hon. Minister of what Bismarck said: 'Nothing is true unless officially denied.' Anyway, I am on a different question. What they have denied is the advance of interest-free loan of a 100 million dollars. May I know whether any attempt has been made to find out if they have supplied the arms they have received from other countries either free or by purchase to Pakistan or not?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : Presumably the hon. Member is referring to the arms that they have received from the United States under various Pacts. The United States Government has made it very clear to us on several occasions that the arms given to countries under these pacts are not to be resold or given to any other country without their permission and it is, therefore, unlikely that Iran would have given any of these to Pakistan, but as I said in all these matters it is very difficult for me to say anything categorically, except to believe what the Government has said.

DR. GOPAL SINGH : Is it one of the conditions of the Tashkent agreement that Pakistan shall buy arms from nowhere, nor shall we, or is it the case that if they are buying arms, we shall also buy arms from somewhere ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : No, Sir. There is no ban on the purchase of arms.

MIZOS TRAINED BY PAKISTAN AND CHINA

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SUPAKAR: SHRI CHITTA BASU : SHRI
D. L. SEN GUPTA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Government of Pakistan have at Roma in the Chittagong Hill tract a guerilla training centre where officers of the Pakistan Army and Chinese Guerilla experts have been training Mizos for guerilla operations against India;

(b) whether Government have been able to find out the sources from which the Mizo hostiles have acquired hand-grenades, automatic rifles, light machine-guns and other similar equipment; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to publicise all the information they possess in regard to the above matters?

tThe question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Jairamdas Daulatram.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) :

(a) Government have seen reports in this regard but beyond the confirmation that Mizo rebels have set up training camps in East Pakistan, there is no information that Chinese experts are training Mizo guerillas. Pakistan has been denying giving any assistance to Mizo rebels.

(b) Mizo rebels are known to have crossed over into East Pakistan and returned from there with some arms and equipment

(c) Statements made in Parliament on these matters have received wide publicity.

SHRI JAIRAMDAS DAULATRAM: Have Government any objection to placing on the Table all the evidence in their possession in proof of this action of Pakistan, except what they may consider necessary to withhold from the point of view of national security ?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH : This is a suggestion. We will certainly consider it, but when some talks are going on the present stage may be perhaps a little premature.

SHRI JAIRAMDAS DAULATRAM
Talks between whom ?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH : Talks not on this question of Mizos, but talks with Pakistan on several other matters.

SHRI S. SUPAKAR: May I know whether our civil or military intelligence had any information about the existence of such training centres and, if so, since how long these training centres have been in existence and if the Government had any information about these things prior to the Tashkent talks, whether this matter was not raised at Tashkent for diplomatic reasons ?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH : We have information from reliable sources that there was one training camp near Roma police station in East Pakistan and we have also information that there are two other training camps, one in Rentlang in East Pakistan, about 25 miles south of Vaseitlang and another camp near the village of Romabazar (Rongthang River) in Kuagrashri in East Pakistan. We have information about these three.