

a supplementary that he used a small car and hence the expenditure was less. Do I understand, Sir, that when they go there they buy cars, or are we to judge the expenditure by the petrol consumed by the car, whether small or large? On account of even a small car put to great use the consumption of petrol and the expenditure incurred thereon may be too much. As such we would like to know whether in this case parity was maintained between Mr. Sanji-vayya and the workers' representatives and the rest, or whether it is to be judged only by the size of the car. ...

SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA : I cannot answer this question, Sir.

SHRI C. D. PANDE : It is not a relevant question.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : You say 'a small car'.

(No reply.)

#### SITUATION IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA

f Smtr M. N. GOVINDAN NAIR : \*356. \*j

SHRI RAM SINGH : ^ SHRI DEVI SINGH! :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken note of the serious situation developing in South-East Asia especially in Malaysia;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any initiative in finding a peaceful solution to the dispute between Indonesia and Malaysia; and-

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the affirmative what steps are proposed to be taken in this connection?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) The Government are fully aware of the serious situa-

tThe question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Devi Singh.

tion in South-East Asia and regret that, among other things, there is a serious dispute between Indonesia and Malaysia.

(b) and (c) Government of India sincerely hope for a peaceful settlement of the differences between Indonesia and Malaysia. Such a solution can best be found through peaceful negotiations between the parties concerned. Government of India continue to watch the situation carefully and will be glad to offer necessary assistance to bring about rapprochement, if necessary, at the appropriate time.

श्री देवी सिंह : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी यह फरमाएंगे कि अभी तक हमारी सरकार ने इस डिस्प्यूट में क्या काम किया और उसका नतीजा क्या हुआ ?

श्री दिनेश सिंह : सरकार ने क्या काम किया, यह तो एक बड़ा लम्बा ब्योरा होगा । लेकिन हम दोनों पक्षों से बातें करते रहे और जो हमने मुनासिब समझा वह उनसे कहा ।

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : May I know, Sir, whether it is not a fact that introduction of the troops there under the SEATO agreement by Britain, New Zealand and Australia has complicated the situation and, if so, whether the Government has considered the advisability, in view of the fact that India is a member of the Commonwealth, to ask Britain, New Zealand and Australia not to bring in troops in that region; so that Indonesia and Malaysia can discuss their problem and settle as between two Asian countries or powers?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : As I have mentioned in the written answer, we would prefer a peaceful settlement and we hope that it will be possible to reach a peaceful solution. It is not for us to say where these j countries should send their troops; in this j matter they act under the bilateral arrangements they have with them.:

SHRI A. D. MANI : I know the Government's policy is to advocate a peaceful solution, but as the action of the Government is

important for the people of Malaysia. May I ask the Deputy Minister whether it is not also the policy of Government to disapprove of aggression by any State against another for the settlement of a territorial dispute ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : Yes, Sir.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE : May I know, Sir, whether Malaysia and Indonesia have approached the Government of India to help them in order to arrive at an agreement ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : No, Sir, not in that manner.

SHRI G. RAMACHANDRAN : Quite apart from the fact that the Government of India in this case, as in many other cases, are appealing for a peaceful settlement, etc. etc., has the Government said anything and done anything to show that they identify themselves with Malaysia in this matter ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : I do not know. What the hon. Member exactly means by 'identification'. Indonesia does not recognise Malaysia and has a policy of confrontation with Malaysia. We recognise Malaysia and it is a friendly country.

SHRI GOPIKRISHNA VIJAI VARGIYA : I want to know what is the special factor for which Indonesia is working. Does it want to annex North Borneo ? Or what are the issues where there is difference of opinion between the two ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : I wish the hon. Member reads the Indonesian announcements.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA : May I know, Sir, if it is the view of the Government that there has been a noticeable lessening of the tension between Indonesia and Malaysia of late and, if so, may I know whether that lessening of tension is due to the pibus

efforts of Governments like the Government of India and others, or is it because of the fact that Britain and other countries have made it clear that force shall be met by force ?

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SHRI DINESH SINGH : We do not claim to make any pious efforts.

SHRI P. N. SAPRU : May I ask whether the Philippines also has any part to play in ; this Indonesian-Malaysian dispute and whether they can also be brought in at a conference promoted for the purpose, so that they can also play their part along with Indonesia and Malaysia ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : The Philippines also have a territorial claim over Malaysia. Sir, and I think that they have made it clear that they would like to have a peaceful solution of this problem.

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SHRI P. K. KUMARAN : May I know whether our Government has taken any concrete steps to help in solving this problem by peaceful negotiations, apart from the pious wishes being expressed whether any concrete steps have been taken ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : Sir, in all these matters it is very difficult to say what are concrete steps; every step that one takes becomes concrete.

SHRI C. D. PANDE : Sir, in view of the fact that we ourselves have quarrels with other nations, and the friendly nations have not been of great use to us, is it proper for this Government to interfere where our interference cuts no ice ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : Sir, we are not interfering anywhere; offering of good offices at the request of other countries is not interference.

DIWAN CHAMAN LALL : May I ask the hon. Minister whether it is not a fact that the policy of the Government of India in regard to all these countries in dispute in South-East Asia is one of finding a peace-

fill solution to all the disputes, one of trying their level best to arrive at amicable settlements ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : Yes, Sir.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : Sir, while I am one of those who appreciate the stand which the Government of India is taking in the South-East Asia matter in order to create a peaceful atmosphere in the Malaysia-Indonesia situation, may I ask the hon. Minister if the Government of India has taken any steps to consult our neighbours, particularly Burma, to evolve a common line, so that some peaceful situation could be initiated ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : I do not know whether evolving a common line as such will solve the problem. The problem can only be solved by the two countries themselves, and whatever we feel, or the Burmese, or anyone else, we discuss it with the parties concerned.

SHRI ARIUN ARORA : May I know if the Government has considered the advisability of associating itself with the steps towards mediation being taken by the Government of Japan ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : No, Sir, We are not associated with any mediation; I do not think Japan is planning any mediation either.

MEETING BETWEEN INDUSTRIALISTS AND P.M.  
ON ECONOMIC SITUATION

f SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : \*35L. i SHRI  
SITARAM JAIPURIA : | SHRI RAM SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state : .

(a) whether it is a fact that a group of businessmen and industrialists met the Prime Minister early in January, 1965;

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Bhupesh Gupta.

(b) if so, whether they gave their appraisal of the economic situation in the country and made certain proposals in the matter; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what are those proposals ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) :  
(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

A number of industrialists met the Prime Minister, the Home Minister, the Finance Minister and the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, on 2nd January, 1965. They expressed concern at the fact that the rate of economic development was not as good as it should be. Certain suggestions were made for streamlining Government procedures.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : Sir; this six-line statement does not throw much light on the subject. Is it not a fact that in the course of the discussion these industrialists suggested that there should be tax reduction in the corporate sector, that the corporate sector in the industries should be given tax incentives, and that the size of the Plan also should be reduced and also that foreign investors should be allowed more facilities ? I should like to know whether these and similar other matters were raised in the course of the discussion ?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR : I am sorry, Sir, all these matters were not raised at all, none of them. But they did mention about high taxes and the sluggishness in production.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : That is right. One point, Sir, how long were they with him ? Will the Prime Minister tell us how long they were with him ?

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE : For how many question ?