

receive any report from the delegations and whether the Embassies in the countries they visited have submitted any reports?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: Yes, Sir, we have been receiving information from our Missions abroad and they have been very encouraging. The general report has been that they have done very good work in explaining India's position. We hope to receive reports from both the delegations.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know what efforts are being made by the Government to get reports from these delegations? Have any letters been addressed to them to send their reports?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: That is not necessary, Sir.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know, Sir, in view of the fact that some time this kind of delegation, I mean the choice of its personnel, gave rise to controversy, whether the Government has considered the advisability of setting up any machinery which would enable the Government to consult others, non-officials, Members of Parliament, representatives of various parties, before finalising the list of such delegations?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: These are not parliamentary delegations as such and therefore the consultation does not arise. So far as the question of consulting individual members is concerned, sometimes we consult them. But it is not desirable that there should be a standing Committee to decide on behalf of the Government who should go. This is primarily the prerogative of the Government.

SHRI A. M. TARIQ: May I know, Sir, if Government have seen a press report in which one of the leaders of the delegations has criticised the publicity department of the External Affairs Ministry, and is it also a fact that before giving any report to the Ministry the said leader of the delegation called a press conference?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: We have seen the report. It is a general statement made by one of the members of the delegation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

ANTI-INDIA CAMPAIGN BY PAKISTANI DELEGATION ABROAD

»4 / Shri M. C. SHAH:

'\ SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a non-official Pakistani delegation recently visited several countries in Asia and Africa, carrying on anti-India campaign;

(b) if so, which countries, this delegation has visited; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Government of India to counteract the anti-India campaign carried by this delegation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON): (a) Two non-official Pakistan Delegations recently visited several countries in Asia and Africa and indulged in anti-Indian propaganda.

(b) One Pakistan Delegation visited Muslim countries in North Africa and West Asia. The second Delegation visited countries in West Africa and South East Asia.

(c) Our Missions abroad ^{to} prompt counter-action through press statements and diplomatic channels, including contacts with Government leaders of the countries concerned.

In addition, two Indian non-official goodwill delegations have been sent to countries in West Asia and North Africa to promote goodwill and understanding of India's problems, especially-

The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri M. C. Shah.

ly with regard to Kashmir and Chinese*, aggression.

SHRI M. C. SHAH: May I know, Sir, what were the main issues raised by these Pakistani Delegations for their propaganda purposes against India?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: The main subject of propaganda is Kashmir.

SHRI M. C. SHAH: May I know, Sir, what was the reaction of those countries to which these delegations went?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: It is very difficult to assess the reaction of the countries to which these delegations went, but more or less they received some kind of support from the local Governments.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister is aware that one of the leaders of the delegations that went out from India has specifically stated that our propaganda about Kashmir in these countries has been very weak and that Pakistan has gained over us so far as propaganda about Kashmir is concerned?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: We have seen the report.

SHRI SYED AHMAD: May I know whether it is a fact that in some of the African and West Asian countries the Pakistani Delegations were not officially received by those countries, by the Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers there, and were given official status?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: Our Delegations also were received by them.

SHRI A. M. TARIQ: When it has been said 'non-official Delegations' I would like to know from the hon. Minister the difference between non-official Delegation and official Delegation. I would also like to know whether they have received copies of the literature the Pakistan Dele-

gations distributed in these countries and, if so, what actions have been taken about that literature.

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: Sir, I have said in the original answer the counter-measures taken by our Missions in these areas.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: According to press reports the Prime Minister of Ceylon refused to receive the Pakistani Delegation. May I know, Sir, if the hon. Minister is in a position to confirm that report?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: No, Sir, I can neither confirm nor deny.

SHRI A. D. MANI: The Minister of State mentioned just now that some local Governments supported the Pakistan point of view which was presented by that Delegation. May I know, Sir, which Governments supported the point of view of the Pakistani Delegation?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: I want notice for it.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Once you make a statement, you ought to be ready with the facts. She said that some local Governments supported it and I am asking which local Governments supported the Pakistan point of view.

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: I can give one instance—Morocco. They visited so many countries and it is very difficult for me to say which are the countries which supported them and which are the countries which were indifferent to what they said.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know, Sir, in view of the importance of the matter, whether any instructions were sent to our Indian Missions in those countries concerned to counteract immediately the propaganda made by the Pakistani Delegation and, if so, in what manner it was done?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: Such instructions are always sent, and in the latter part of my answer I have clearly said what are the measures taken by our Missions to counter the propaganda of these delegations.

شہابی دیوارے لال کورل : طالب :

میں یہ جاننا چاہتا کہ یہ
ڈیپلیمیشن جو پاکستانی پروپگنڈا کو
کونٹریکٹ کرنے کے لئے بھیجتا تھا
اس میں کہا کچھ وروندھی دلوں کے
آدسی بھی شامل تھے یا نہیں۔ اور
اگر نہیں تھے تو کیا ان کو بھی
شامل کرنے کی کوشش کی گئی یا
نہیں؟

†[श्री प्यारे लाल कुरल 'तलिब' :
मैं यह जानना चाहूंगा कि यह डेलीगेशन जो
पाकिस्तानी प्रोपेगेंडा को काउण्टर-एक्ट करने
के लिये भेजा गया उसमें क्या कुछ विरोधी
दलों के आदमी भी शामिल थे या नहीं; और
अगर नहीं थे, तो क्या उनको भी शामिल
करने की कोशिश की गई या नहीं?]

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: The list is already before the House, the delegation sent by the Government.

SHRI M. C. SHAH: May I know, Sir, whether our Government has tried to assess the reaction of these countries through our own diplomatic channels?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: Yes, Sir; we have received reports from our Missions about the impact of the delegations on local opinion.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

ACQUISITION OF LAND NEAR KIRKEE

*5. SHRIMATI SHAKUNTALA PARANJPYE: "Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

t[] Hindi transliteration.

(a) whether it is a fact that 20 acres at land near Kirkee was acquired in 1939 and another 110 acres in 1958 for building purposes;

(b) whether any construction has so far been made there on;

(c) if not, the reasons for which 40 acres of land towards the liver on Yerada side was acquired in addition; and

(d) whether Government propose to acquire more land belonging to San-gam Wadi village, contiguous to Poona City, for building purposes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) About 24.70 acres of land was acquired in 1959 and about 104.25 acres was acquired in 1960 for use by the Defence Services.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) This land was requisitioned in June 1963 and not acquired. This land is being used for providing ten-tage accommodation and playing fields for the troops.

(d) The matter is under consideration.

SHRIMATI SHAKUNTALA PARANJPYE: How many buildings have been put up on the land?

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: 47.95 acres of land are earmarked for construction of married accommodation and all these projects are in the final stage of completion. And so far as other lands are concerned, on them single accommodation, administrative buildings and technical buildings are being constructed.

SHRIMATI SHAKUNTALA PARANJPYE: Are these lands necessary for family accommodation?

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: No land is acquired or requisitioned unless it is absolutely necessary for defence purposes.