

**RAJYA SABHA**

Wednesday, the 21th February, 1963/ the 8th  
Phalgun, 1884 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, MR.  
CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

**ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

\*108. [The questioner (Shri Babu-bhai M.  
Chinai) was absent. For answer, vide col.  
1018 infra].

\*109. [The questioner (Shri A. B.  
Vajpayee) was absent. For answer, vide col.  
1018 Infra].

**JOINT AIR DEFENCE MISSION FROM  
U.S.A., U.K., CANADA AND AUSTRALIA**

\*. / SHRI NIREN GHOSH: t  
• \ SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether the Government of India had  
invited a Joint Air Defence Mission from  
United States of America, United Kingdom,  
Canada and Australia to report on Air De-  
fence Measures; and

(b) if so, who were the members of this  
Mission?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. R.  
CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) *Commonwealth*

R.A.F:

Air Commodore C. J. Mount

Wing Commander D.W.H. Smith

Squadron Leader A. G. Water-house

R.C.A.F. Group

Captain C. B. Murray,

Wing Commander R. M. Donaldson,

fThe question was actually asked on the floor  
of the House by Shri Niren Ghosh.

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Wing Commander D. R. Adam-son.

R.A A.F.

Wing Commander J. R. Hubble, Fit. Lt  
D. R. Johnson.

*United States*

Brigadier-General James L. Tipton,

Colonel Robert R. Scott,

Lt. Colonel Fred K. Durni,

Lt. Colonel Joseph H. Felter,

Major Charles R. Weathersbee,

Major Thomas W. Morris,

Major Aubrey C. Edinburgh,

TSgt. James H. Dean.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: May I know  
whether the Government is aware of the  
reports in the press that the American  
technical personnel will come to our air fields  
to set up radar installations and electric  
devices so that at some time in the future they  
can move into those fields with their Air  
Force in case of emergency or something like  
that? What is the truth or otherwise with  
regard to these reports and what is the exact  
position?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: Sir, we cannot say  
anything about what appeared in the press and  
its veracity but what we know is that this  
Team is going to submit its report to the  
respective Governments and the results  
thereof will be known a little later.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: May I know, Sir,  
why this Mission^ which had come here at the  
invitation of our Government, as stated by the  
hon. Minister, should not submit its report to  
our Government also?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: That is » different  
matter, but certainly they came at our request.  
That much is certain.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: May I know, Sir, whether the Government is aware of a report in the 'London Times' that in view of this massive military assistance that is under negotiation, the content of non-alignment would change, i.e., India is more or less militarily allied with Western powers? That is their assessment. I would like to know what the exact position is. Can the hon. Minister enlighten us on this point?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: I hope the hon. Member does not want me to comment on newspaper reports or news and views. It is a matter of opinion again.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Sir, the Minister has stated that these different Missions will submit a report to their respective Governments. Will they also be giving us a substance of the report that they are making, because it is with regard to our defence that they are going to report?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: I do not think the Team itself will give us the summary of the report but we hope those Governments will inform us about it later.

SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: Sir, some Congress Members of Parliament had seen the Prime Minister in this respect and made some public statements later on. May I know whether because of those statements there has been some sort of misunderstanding between the Governments of the U.K. and the U.S.A. and the Government of India and, if so, what efforts have been made to remove the misunderstanding created by the press statements of those Congress Members of Parliament?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: Sir I do not think there is any misunderstanding. If there was any misunderstanding, the Prime Minister has already made a statement in the Lok Sabha and it must have removed that misunderstanding.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know whether it is a fact that technicians from all those Governments which are helping India at present are likely to come over here to assist our technicians?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: Well, Sir, I cannot say anything about it at this stage.

SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: In view of the American missile base in Badabar near Peshawar and in view of the present difficulty and also the dangerous stand taken by the Pakistan Government in deciding to come to some agreement with China regarding our border issue, may I know whether there is any desirability that the Air Mission should favour India too with missiles?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: Well, Sir, I am unable to follow exactly what the hon. Member wants.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: May I know whether, in view of the fact that so long our defence policy was to make commercial purchases of arms, from various countries, the present policy has been changed and, if so, to what extent? (Intermission).

(No reply)

**श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरङ्गिया:**  
क्या श्रीमान् यह बतलाएंगे कि जो विदेशियों की सहायता द्वारा आप जॉइन्ट एयर डिफेन्स तैयार करने जा रहे हैं, तो क्या उसमें भारतीय टेक्नीशियन्स और भारतीय मिल्ट्री के आफिसर्स का भी साथ बराबर रहेगा अथवा उनसे छिपा कर ये सारे काम होने वाले हैं?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: Sir, I think we are considering this question of the Air Teams and their visits. Certainly we had, while discussing these matters with them, demanded the facilities for training, which is really

more important—the training of our own technicians and our own personnel.

SHRI PANNALAL SARAOGI: May I know whether steps are being taken to equip our border with radar installation for the purpose of locating the movement of enemy planes and also for protecting ourselves from then-possible attacks?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: I do not think whether that question arises out of the main question.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: May I know whether there were any terms of reference given to this Mission and, if so, can the Minister enlighten us with regard to those terms of reference?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: Sir, there is no question of our giving them any terms of reference because these Teams were deputed by their respective Governments and I think those Teams must be functioning with certain terms of reference given to them by their respective Governments.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

\*111. [*The questioner (Shri Bhupesh Gupta) was absent. For answer, vide col. 1018-19 infra.*]

#### CONSTITUTION OF BENGALI REGIMENT

\*112. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the West Bengal Legislative Council on February 1, 1963 passed a non-official resolution requesting the Government of India to constitute a Bengali regiment; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir, on the 31st January 1963 (*not* 1st February 1963).

(b) The proposal is under consideration but it should be pointed out that the general policy of Government is to broad-base recruitment as much as possible without affecting the efficiency of the Army and that calling a regiment by a new sectional name would be inconsistent with this policy.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Is it correct, Sir, to say that the Government of West Bengal made a proposal to the Government of India that such a Bengali regiment should be constituted and, if so, what were the grounds on which this proposal was based?

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: I have already stated in the reply that such a proposal was made and it is under consideration.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Had the West Bengal Government made a proposal to the Central Government that such a Bengali regiment should be constituted before the Council adopted the Resolution? I would like to know what were the grounds advanced by the West Bengal Government for the constitution of a regiment of this character.

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: There was no question of any grounds as such. They forwarded that Resolution for our consideration, which is being done,

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: In view of fact that in our Army there are Tamil regiments, Dogra regiments, Gorkha regiments, etc.—something like linguistic groups—what is there to object to having a Bengali regiment as well?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is not a question. That is your comment.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: I want to know if there is any objection to that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They have already stated that they are considering the matter.