श्री सभापति : अभी अभी ऐसा हो जाता है ।

श्री दिनेश सिंह : जी हां ।

EXPULSION OF INDIAN JOURNALISTS FROM NEPAL

*8. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during last few months some Indian journalists have ibeen expelled from Nepal by the Nepalese Government; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what has been the report of our Embassy in Nepal in this respect; and

(c) what action has been taken by the Indian Government in this connection?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Two Indian journalists were expelled ■from Nepal by the Nepalese Government—Shri V. R. Mohinder, Representative of the 'Hindustan Times' on February 15, 1962 and Shri P. C. Tandon; Representative of the 'Times of India' on April 9, 1962.

(b) Our Embassy informed us that the Nepalese authorities regarded their reporting unsympathetic, incorrect and critical of the present regime in Nepal.

(c) No action was considered necessary.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरड़िया : क्या माननीय मंत्री बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि भारत सरकार ने भी इस बात की जांच की अथवा नहीं कि उन रिपोर्टर्स द्वारा कुछ ऐसा प्रकाशन किया जा रहा था जैसा कि नेपाल सरकार ने आरोप लगाया है ?

श्री दिनेश सिंह : इसकी जांच करना मुश्किल है, लेकिन उससे कोई फर्क नहीं पड़ता । एक सरकार, जहां कि ऐसे लोग रहते हैं, अगर यह महसूस करती है कि उन का वहां रहना ठीक नहीं है, तो ऐसे मसले में हम बहुत कम बात कर सकते हैं ।

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether the Nepalese Government had given any prior intimation to the Indian Embassy about the expulsion of these press correspondents from their country?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: They had informed the correspondents themselves.

SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP-SINHA: May I know if the Government of India is aware that the foreign journalists and correspondents, particularly Indian correspondents, are working under very difficult conditions *m.* Nepal and they are not permitted by the present regime there to function normally, to perform the functions of journalists?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: That is likely to happen, Sir.

SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP SINHA: What steps do the Government propose to take so that our journalists function there normally?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: None, Sir.

डेरा बाबा नानक में स्थित रावी के पुल का दिया जाना

*९. **श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरड़िया** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** जी यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अमृतसर जिले के उत्तर-पश्चिम में स्थित डेरा बाबा नानक में रावी के पुल को, जिस के आधे हिस्से पर १९४७ से भारत का कब्जा था और रावी के दक्षिण की ओर पुल के साथ लगी डेरा बाबा नानक ग्राम

†[ ] English translation.