

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 4th May, 1961/the 14th
Vaisakha, 1883 (Saka)

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

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

ARMS CAPTURED FROM HOSTILE NAGAS

*250. SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some arms have recently been captured from hostile Nagas on the Nagaland-Manipur border; and

(b) if so, what was the origin of these arms?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) Yes; during the raid on a Naga hostile camp on the 28th February, 1961, a light machine gun, a sten gun, 8 rifles and one muzzle loading gun were captured.

(b) Some of these weapons were found to be of British, American and Japanese origin, manufactured during the II World War. Some others were of Indian origin. The muzzle loading gun was found to be locally made.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know whether the Government has made any enquiry as to how these people came to possess these arms?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: Sir, a large number of these weapons are captured from the hostiles. They are found to be of wartime origin, from the abandoned dumps. It is believed that this source is not completely exhausted. Then the hostiles have also captured some weapons of

recent manufacture from our security forces operating among them.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Are the arms that they have got from our security forces small in number or large in number?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: Sir, they are 303 rifles—five of them.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: I would like to know whether these arms are obsolete or they can still be used.

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: Evidently they can be used. Otherwise they would not have them.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir, it seems that some foreigners, especially the British people, can easily go there. And recently, Sir, a letter appeared in the Observer

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: Sir, that does not arise out of this question. This deals with a particular raid.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He is bringing the raid indirectly.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir, recently a letter has appeared in which a British journalist writes that he went there, had discussions with the Naga rebels and he wrote in the Observer also that he discussed the question of getting the pilots who had been arrested released and so on. Does it not follow from this that some of these people, who so frequently go there, can also take part in making arms available to the Nagas, especially when we know that Phizo is in London?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: Sir, that is not a question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is not a question which she can answer.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir, I do not know how to make it a question. Well, Sir, has it occurred

to the Government, to her or to the Prime Minister, that such visits might have something to do with making arrangements for the supply of this kind of arms?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: No, Sir. This particular journalist that he refers to went not with arms or anything else but just to interview somebody there.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Were the Indian weapons that were captured of recent origin or of wartime origin?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: It is not known, Sir, whether the five rifles, which have been mentioned, are of wartime origin or of recent origin. They are made in the Ishapore factory.

भारत की जमीन पर चीन का कब्जा

*२५१. श्री राम सहाय : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चीन ने भारत की १२,००० वर्ग मील जमीन के अतिरिक्त और भी जमीन पर कब्जा कर लिया है; और

(ख) जो चौकियां सर्दी के मौसम की वजह से चीनियों ने खाली कर दी थीं, क्या वे अभी भी खाली पड़ी हुई हैं;

†[CHINESE OCCUPATION OF INDIAN TERRITORY

*251. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has taken possession of more land other than the area of twelve thousand square miles of the Indian territory; and

(b) whether the check-posts which were vacated by the Chinese due to winter season are still lying unoccupied?]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) We have no information.

‡[वैदेशिक कार्य उपमंत्री (श्रीमती लक्ष्मी एन० मेनन) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) इस सम्बन्ध में हमारे पास कोई सूचना नहीं है ।]

श्री राम सहाय : करीब दो महीने का अर्धा हुआ जब कि समाचारपत्रों में इस प्रकार का समाचार छपा था कि जिन पोस्ट्स पर चाइनीज ने कब्जा कर लिया था वे वहां से बहुत ठंड की वजह से और मौसम खराब होने की वजह से पीछे हट गये हैं । क्या यह ठीक है ?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: Yes, Sir, according to our information, the Chinese withdrew from their check-posts across Ladakh and Nepal.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: What is the present position of Longju? On account of the prevalence of epidemics it had been vacated. May I know whether the Chinese have reoccupied it?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: It has already been stated in this House that the Chinese had vacated Longju. Of course, we do not know whether it has been reoccupied.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether the Government is taking any steps to reoccupy Longju?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: That answer was given here. We have no intention of taking it just now.

SHRI SATYACHARAN: May I know, Sir, whether Longju legally belongs to us and, if so, why has it not been occupied by our Government after its vacation by the Chinese?