

भारत-पाकिस्तान व्यापार संबंधों को बढ़ाने का एक महत्वपूर्ण रूप यह है कि नये कार्यालय खोले जायें और इस मामले पर सक्रिय रूप से विचार हो रहा है ।

पाकिस्तान सरकार का एक शिष्टमंडल अभी हाल में ही नई दिल्ली आया था और उन के साथ पश्चिम पाकिस्तान से भारत को प्राकृतिक गैस देने की संभावनाओं पर बातचीत हुई थी ।]

श्री राम सहाय : क्या मैं यह ज्ञान सकता हूँ कि जब यह बातचीत हुई थी उस के बाद से अब तक कितनी प्रोग्रेस इस बारे में हुई है ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : अभी थोड़ी देर ही बातचीत हुई है—बहुत ही कम दिन हुई । उस के बाद चन्द दिनों का तो कोई खास ऊंच नीच बताना कठिन है ।

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY : May I know if in this meeting of our Prime Minister with the President of Pakistan it was made clear that he should not undertake malicious propaganda against India in any form?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU : How a meeting of the Prime Minister and President is coming in this picture of economic and commercial relations, I do not understand.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : As far as we can see, in this matter of development of trade between the two countries it is essential that the State Governments like West Bengal have more powers and initiative in the matter. May I know whether following the discussion that took place at the Prime Minister's level the State Governments concerned in the border were given adequate powers and delegated authority to initiate discussions with their counterparts on the Pakistan side, viz., East Pakistan in the case of West Bengal, for development of trade and so on?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU : There has been no discussion at, what the hon. Member is pleased to call, the Prime Minister's level at any time for many years on this subject. I do not know quite what he is referring to.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : Earlier I think he had some discussion with Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Ancient history.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : Following that I think there has been some other discussions also in regard to the development of trade between the two countries, not necessarily at the highest level. May I know having regard to these things, and since trade is not developing, the Central Government has delegated powers and given some initiative to the State Governments like West Bengal to have bilateral discussions with East Pakistan authorities for the development of trade and so on?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON : Sir, the hon. Member's assumption is wrong. Trade has shown an upward trend.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU : May I add a word, Sir? There is no question of delegating powers; I do not understand. Whenever such a thing happens the States concerned are invariably associated with that. Anyhow, I just do not understand why the whole question is based on some meeting at Prime Minister's level which has not occurred for years and years. Is the hon. Member talking about something that happened years back?

ACCOMMODATION HIRED BY THE TEA BOARD

*255. **SHRI SATYACHARAN :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to para 23 of the Audit Report, 1960, Part I, regarding the Tea Board having hired some accommodation from 1st April, 1956 at the rate of Rs. 2,200 per month for the purpose of opening a propaganda centre in a city, and its

occupation after 23 months of its having been hired and state the steps which Government propose to take to stop such infructuous expenditure?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): The observation of the public Accounts Committee on the Audit Para have been noted and will be kept in mind by the Tea Board for future guidance.

CIRCULATION OF ANTI-INDIAN LITERATURE BY THE CHINESE

***256. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chinese propaganda literature containing anti-Indian matters is being freely circulated amongst the Nagas and Assam tribes both in the North East Frontier Agency and other border regions; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government to put an effective check to this continuing menace?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (b) We have not come across any instance of circulation of "anti-Indian" propaganda literature amongst Nagas and Assam tribes in NEFA and other border areas. However, Government are vigilant and ensure that, if attempted, such propaganda does not go uncorrected.

BELGIAN AMBASSADOR'S CRITICISM AGAINST INDIAN PRESS AND GOVERNMENT'S CONGO POLICY

***257. SHRI A. D. MANI:** Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the observations made by the Belgian Ambassador on March 18, 1961, at Bhopal in which he made adverse remarks against Indian Press and Government's policy towards the Congo;

(b) whether there was a demonstration at Bhopal on the arrival of the Ambassador; and

(c) whether Government have made appropriate representations to the Government of Belgium against

the controversial statements made about India on Indian territory?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) to (c) Government have seen Press reports on the Belgian Ambassador's address at Bhopal under the auspices of a club there and on the demonstration staged at the time by several persons, against Belgian policy in the Congo. No special importance need be attached to the remarks attributed to the speaker and as such no representation to the Government of Belgium is necessary.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Is the Government aware that the Belgian Ambassador said in his speech in Bhopal that he wondered how India came to be in the strange company of Russia, Cuba and Ghana and also made some disrespectful reference to the Prime Minister?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU : I do not for the moment remember the exact language of the Belgian Ambassador but anyhow it is not in keeping with the dignity of the Government of India to go about protesting and shouting at every provocation.

***258. [Transferred to the 3rd May, 1961.]**

रेडियो बर्लिता के दूषित प्रभाव

***२५९. श्री नारायणसिंह चौहान :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनका ध्यान फरवरी, १९६१ में दिल्ली में हुए विश्व स्वास्थ्य सम्मेलन के सत्र में पारित किये गये एक प्रस्ताव की ओर गया है जिस में सदस्य देशों ने रेडियो बर्लिता के नियंत्रित तथा अनियंत्रित सूत्रों से बुझे गये दूषित प्रभावों की दृष्टि पर चिन्ता प्रकट की है;

(ख) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर 'हां' हो तो अपने देश में इन बढ़ते हुए दूषित प्रभावों से उसे बचाने के लिये क्या विशेष प्रयत्न किये जा रहे हैं; और

(ग) क्या आयुर्विज्ञान, दृष्टि-उद्योग और विद्युत् अभियोजनों में प्रयोग में आने वाले रेडियो धर्मी उपकरणों के दूषित प्रभावों