

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 28th April, 1960/the
8th Vaisakha, 1882 (Saka)

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

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

BELGAUM BORDER DISPUTE

*358. { SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE†:
SHRI D. B. DESAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of
Bombay has recently requested the
Union Government to intervene and
solve the Belgaum border dispute
between the Governments of Bombay
and Mysore through arbitration; and

(b) if so, what decision Govern-
ment have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AF-
FAIRS (SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT):

(a) Yes.

(b) The matter was again discus-
sed between the Chief Ministers of
the two States. Government has been
trying its best to bring about a settle-
ment.

SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: May
I know, Sir, what efforts are being
made by the Central Government to
bring about a settlement?

SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT:
Every effort to persuade the two par-
ties to reach some agreement either
on principles or on details or on the
method of reference to arbitration for
the settlement of the disputes is being
made.

SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: May
I know, Sir, whether any complaint
was made by the hon. Chief Minister
of Bombay State about the brutal

†The question was actually asked
on the floor of the House by Shri
B. D. Khobaragade.

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atrocities committed by the Govern-
ment of Mysore against those persons
who are peacefully agitating to solve
this border dispute and who are
striving for inclusion of Belgaum and
other border areas in Maharashtra
State, and if a complaint was made by
the Chief Minister of Bombay State
what action has been taken by the
Government?

SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT:
I do not quite remember receiving
any complaint from the Chief Minis-
ter of Bombay, but complaints are
received from other persons in con-
nection with the *satyagraha* that was
launched in Belgaum district or parts
of it. Those complaints were refer-
red by me to the Chief Minister of
Mysore who said that the allegations
were not well-founded.

SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: May
I know, Sir, whether the Govern-
ment have tried to enquire into the
complaints and allegations, as stated
by the hon. Home Minister, to find
out whether they were true or not
or whether the Home Minister has
only relied upon the statement made
by the Chief Minister of Mysore State?

SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT:
I do not quite follow the last few
words.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He wishes to
know whether you have relied en-
tirely on the report made by the
Chief Minister of Mysore State or
whether you have made an indepen-
dent investigation.

SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT:
Sir, law and order falls within the
exclusive purview of States and we
cannot make any enquiry in the Bom-
bay or the Mysore State or elsewhere.

SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: May
I know, Sir, whether any efforts have
been made by the hon. Home Minis-
ter to find out the truth, what are the
causes, what are the reasons and what
is the situation in the border area?

SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT:
Well, there is such a divergence of

views as well as of allegations and statements that it is difficult for anyone to reach any conclusion.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, if the so-called *satyagraha* and the 'no-tax campaign' are not coming in the way of a peaceful settlement of the question?

SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT: Apparently, these things do not help the promotion of the atmosphere which one desires for the settlement of the differences between the parties.

DR. R. B. GOUR: Sir, the hon. Home Minister said that the complaints that he had received from various persons were transmitted to the Chief Minister of Mysore and he got a reply from the Chief Minister of Mysore that the allegations were not well-founded. May I know, Sir, whether this particular reply from the Chief Minister of Mysore was transmitted back to the complainants, and if so, what was the reaction of those complainants?

SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT: The meeting between the Chief Ministers of Mysore and Bombay was with reference to the settlement of differences and not about these complaints.

DR. R. B. GOUR: No, Sir. The hon. Minister said that he had received certain complaints which were forwarded to the Chief Minister of Mysore State alleging atrocities having been committed on the *satyagrahis*, and the Chief Minister of Mysore told you that these allegations were baseless. Did you pass on this reply of the Chief Minister of Mysore to the people who had complained, and if so, what was their reaction?

MR. CHAIRMAN: You cannot ask, "Did you pass on this reply?". You are addressing the Chair.

SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT: The Chief Minister of Mysore has not,

in several cases sent me detailed reports and I think I cannot also ask him in every case, but in many of these cases we have passed on the information to the complainants.

IMPROVEMENT OF DELHI CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

***359. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article by a Staff Reporter published in the "Times of India" dated the 18th March, 1960 about the deplorable conditions of children's education in Delhi;

(b) if so, how far the facts given in that article and the other of the 19th March, 1960 are correct; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to improve the conditions of children's education in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The main criticism levelled in the two articles is against the shortage of school buildings in Delhi, deterioration in the standards of teaching, introduction of Basic Education and frequent transfers of teachers. It is true that there is a considerable shortage of school buildings in Delhi but this is mainly due to the fact that a very large number of Primary, Middle, High and Higher Secondary Schools were required to be opened in Delhi on an emergency basis to meet the tremendous increase in the demand of educational facilities caused by the influx of displaced persons in the capital. It was not possible for the Government to provide school buildings for all the newly opened schools all at once and they