

**Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** What steps have been taken to keep sufficient stocks in the frontier areas to keep the prices down?

**Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman:** Sufficient stocks are being kept in places where there are godowns. In regard to the wholesale shops, wholesale and central stores will cover every town with a population of one lakh or more.

**श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :** क्या मैं यह जान सकता हूँ कि क्या यह सरकार की जानकारी में है कि मोटर पार्ट्स विशेषकर जीप और ट्रक के पार्ट्स . . . . .

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** तफसील में जाने की जरूरत नहीं है। आप प्राइस कंट्रोल के बारे में जनरली सवाल कर सकते हैं। अगर एक-एक चीज के बारे में सवाल करेंगे तो बहुत लम्बा हो जाएगा।

**श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :** इस संकट काल में इन चीजों के भाव १०० गुने और १५० गुने बढ़ गए हैं।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** ऐसी कोई चीज हो सकती है।

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** The hon. Minister is reported to have stated that the Bharat Sevak Samaj will be used to smash profiteering. May I know what the Bharat Sevak Samaj has done in this matter and how it is geared up for this purpose?

**Shri Nanda:** I welcome this opportunity to clear some things which are not true at all. Any reports might appear in the papers. Reverting to the earlier question, about the pessimistic view of what is going to happen, I had said that action should be taken against the profiteers and black-marketeers. That was misinterpreted in certain quarters. There is no question of either pessimism or optimism. We must take action suited to the conditions.

**Shri Warior:** May I know whether, apart from the Central Government's action, the State Governments have taken any action and reported it to the Centre, namely, about the rise in prices and measures to check it?

**Shri Nanda:** The State Governments necessarily have to put the policies into operation in their own areas.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** One of the causes that lead to a rise in price is the speculation in foodgrains. May I know whether the Government is going to stop speculation in foodgrains?

**Shri Nanda:** These are other aspects of price policy which are certainly going to be carried out.

**श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धांती :** क्या सरकार को इस तबाका बोध है, नाम चाहे न बताएं, कि किस किस पदार्थ की कीमत बढ़ी है और उसको रोकने का क्या उपाय किया जा रहा है ?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** जो उपाय किए गए हैं व बताए गए।

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** डिफेंस आफ इंडिया क्लब के मातहत कितने मुनाफाखोरों को पकड़ा गया ?

(कोई उत्तर नहीं दिया गया)

#### M.Ps' Delegation to Ladakh

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 Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:  
 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:  
 Shri Yashpal Singh:  
 Shri P. K. Deo:  
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:  
 Shri Jagdev Singh  
 Siddhanti:  
 Shri D. C. Sharma:  
 Shri Hem Barua:  
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:  
 Shri Kajrolkar:  
 Shri Y. D. Singh:  
 Shri P. Venkatasubbalah  
 Shri Lakhmu Bhawani:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Parliamentary

Delegation visited Ladakh in the second week of September, 1962; and

(b) if so, whether they have submitted any report to Government?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

**Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:** I do not understand how this answer—"Yes, Sir" and "No, Sir" will serve the purpose.

**Mr. Speaker:** That is entering into argument. The answer has been given: "(a) Yes, Sir". "(b) No, Sir".

**Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:** But I do not think there is any significance—there is not much significance—in such an answer to this question in view of the recent developments there.

**Mr. Speaker:** Has he any supplementary to be put now?—Obviously not. Shri D. N. Tiwary.

**Shri D. N. Tiwary:** May I know whether it is a fact that the parliamentary delegation was not allowed to visit certain places there and, if so, why?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** They wanted to visit some forward posts in that area and that was not physically possible, because the nearest post is several days' march from Leh.

**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** May I know whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that some of the members of the delegation made statements that they were not allowed the facilities and, if so, whether it is necessary or proper at this time of emergency, to send a delegation and get such statements?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** The Government have seen some statements issued by the members of the delegation, but they have not sent any report or made any complaints whatever to the Government.

**Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:** May I know whether before the delegation started, any programme had been drawn up regarding the places they were to see and, if so, whether there has been any variance in regard to the actual spots visited?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** The object of the tour was to indicate to the delegation the nature of terrain, the logistic problems that the Indian army was facing as well as to show the development work in the field of agriculture, afforestation, education, health and industry in that area.

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** May I know whether the leader of the delegation has made certain recommendations in a letter which he has submitted to the External Affairs Ministry?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** I have already stated that no report has been submitted.

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** संसदीय मण्डल को पूरी जगह देखने नहीं दी गयी। और प. ले हं यह बता दिया जाता तो देश का हजारों रुपया खर्च होने से बच जाता।

**प्रधान मंत्री तथा वदेशिक कार्य, प्रति-रक्षा तथा अणु शक्ति मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) :** मैंने तो साफ साफ कह दिया था कि अच्छा है, आप लोग जाएं, लेकिन लेह तक तो जा सकेंगे, उससे आगे जाना दुश्वार होगा।

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know if it is a fact that the Defence Ministry was particularly careful about hiding facts about our poor defence preparations in Ladakh from the M.P.'s. delegation and, if so, why was the delegation arranged at all?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs, Defence and Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** The Defence Ministry was particularly careful about hiding—I do not understand.

**Mr. Speaker:** About the unpreparedness.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** The hon. Member's question presumes many things which are not correct. They were not unprepared in Ladakh. They were as prepared as could be in the circumstances. But it is obvious that the military takes exception to people going about in their actual forward positions, apart from the difficulties of reaching there. This is what my colleague said. It is 5 or 6 days' march there, and difficult march. We do not take anybody by air except the very essential few military people and supplies. Nobody else is taken there in the forward posts. There is some danger too from enemy firing and otherwise too. They do not land there, only air-dropping takes place there.

**श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धान्ती :** क्या इस संसदीय प्रतिनिधि मण्डल में कोई संसद् सदस्य ऐसे भी थे जो कि मिलेटरी के अन्दर पहले सेवा कर चुके हों ?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** संसद् सदस्य इसमें देखे गये थे ।

**Shri Narendrasingh Mahida:** May I know whether a small delegation of Members of Parliament will be allowed to visit Ladakh or NEFA?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is a suggestion.

**श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :** यह जो संसदीय प्रतिनिधि मण्डल लद्दाख के उस क्षेत्र को देखने गया था उसके लिये क्या संसद् के सदस्यों ने सरकार से अनुरोध किया था, यदि किया था तो क्या उन्होंने स्थान विशेष देखने या कुछ जानकारी लेने का अनुरोध किया था अथवा सरकार ने उनको अपनी ओर से भेजा था ?

**श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू :** यह मुझे याद नहीं कि किस ने अनुरोध किया था और किस ने नहीं लेकिन इतना जरूर है कि मेरे पास दो, चार संसद् सदस्यों के खत आया थे कि वह लद्दाख में या फ्रण्ट पर जाना चाहते हैं ठीक ठीक मुझे याद नहीं कि क्या उनके शब्द ।

उसका इन्तजाम किया गया । उनसे कह दिया गया कि वहां ले जायेंगे लेकिन बिलकुल फ्रण्ट पर वहां ले जाना दुम्बार होगा अलबत्ता जो हमारे वहां पर मिलेटरी बेस और कैंप्स हैं उनको वे देख लें ।

#### Alloy and Special Steel Plant

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- \*131. { **Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**  
**Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:**

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far for the establishment of an Alloy and Special Steel Plant in the Defence Sector; and

(b) the estimated expenditure to be incurred on this project?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah):** (a) Government have sanctioned the establishment of an Alloy and Special Steel Plant in the Defence sector. The tenders for plant and machinery will be issued shortly.

(b) The expenditure on the project has been estimated at about 21 crores.

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** क्या काम को एक्स-पेडाइट करने के लिये वहां वार लेवल पर वर्क शुरू कर दिया गया है ?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah):** We are doing everything possible to expedite the implementation of the project.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** In reply to a previous question the hon. Minister stated that this proposed factory of alloy and special steel was to be established in Kanpur. May I know whether that decision remains unchanged or the place will be changed?

**Shri Raghuramaiah:** The exact place or location of the factory has not yet been decided. That is one of the things which we are now very urgently considering.