

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Dr. D. S. Raju): (a) and (b). The contracted number of tanks are being delivered according to schedule. It is not in the public interest to disclose further details on the Floor of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: What is the difference between our present tanks and the ones which we are buying from Russia? Will they be able to operate in NEFA and other regions?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): Certainly I can give one important feature or distinction between the present medium-size tanks and these. This is called light tank. It will certainly be useful for our operational purposes. Where and how I cannot say.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : पिछले साल हमारे प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री महोदय ने यह एलान किया था कि हम इस मामले में बहुत जल्दी सैल्फ-सफिशेंट हो जायेंगे। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह सैल्फ-सफिशेंसी कब तक हासिल हो जाएगी और कब तक हम रूस से इन टैंकों का मंगाना छोड़ देंगे ?

श्री यशवन्तराव जह्वाण : मैंने कभी नहीं कहा कि हम टैंकों के बारे में सैल्फ-सफिशेंट हो जायेंगे।

Diplomatic Assignments for Public Men

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 *501. { Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri G. N. Dixit:
 Shri R. Barua:
 Shri Himatsingka:
 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether some public men have refused to serve on diplomatic assign-

ments on the ground that they should be permitted to deal directly with the Minister and not be required to function through civil servants; and

(b) if so, the objection in agreeing to this demand?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या सरकार के ख्याल में यह बात है कि अगर सभी एम्बैसेडर यही कहने लगे कि हम सीधे मिनिस्टर्स से डील करेंगे तो फारेन सैक्रेटरी का क्या दर्जा रह जाएगा और फारेन सैक्रेटरी का फिर क्या रैंक रह जाएगा जिसके लिए हम लोग उनकी इतनी इज्जत करते हैं ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : सब के लिए क्यों कहने लगे ? आपने एक आदमी के बारे में पूछा है, सबके बारे में तो नहीं पूछा।

श्री यशपाल सिंह : सरकार ने क्या डिशिसन लिया है, क्या यह बताया जा सकता है ? क्या किसी दूसरे देश की ट्रेडीशंस का भी ख्याल रखा गया है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : वह कहते हैं कि किसी ने नहीं कहा।

श्री यशपाल सिंह : यह चीज बीस दिन तक चल चुकी है। श्री भीमसेन सच्चर ने जाने से इन्कार किया है।

बिदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री स्वर्ण सिंह) : उ होने कभी इन्कार नहीं किया है। कुछ अभी तय भी पूरा नहीं हुआ है। जो एम्बैसेडर हैं या हाई कमिश्नर हैं वह मिनिस्टर को सीधा भी लिख सकता है और फारेन सैक्रेटरी को भी लिख सकता है। इस में कोई खाम बात ऐसी नहीं है।

Shri S. C. Samanta: Is it a fact that generally according to rules and regulations these diplomats have to deal

with Government through the civil servants? Is there any bar to dealing direct with the Minister?

Shri Swaran Singh: I have clarified that there is no bar.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Have Government considered afresh the whole question of manning our diplomatic missions abroad at the highest level, particularly with reference to increasing the proportion of public men, instead of more or less keeping it as a close preserve of the Foreign Service?

Mr. Speaker: That would be a different question.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: This is a question which arises from this and these are issues which arise in the matter of the functioning of the Foreign Service.

Mr. Speaker: Dr. Singhvi is a distinguished advocate. The whole thing is not open here in this limited question which is whether some public men have refused assignments on a certain ground.

Shri Kapur Singh: What substance precisely is there in the matter to which the hon. Minister has just now referred, wherein a diplomatic assignee has raised certain questions of class superiority of public men over the permanent services?

Shri Swaran Singh: It has not been raised in the form in which the hon. Member has put it. There is no question of class superiority of public men as against career diplomats. There is no such suggestion.

Shri Kapur Singh: What precise substance is there in the question that has been raised—that was my question.

Shri Basappa: Has any assessment been made of the work done by civil servants as well as by public men, and any difference found?

Mr. Speaker: The same thing that Dr. Singhvi put is being repeated now.

Shri Swaran Singh: I think he asked if there is any assessment made

Mr. Speaker: Of the utility of the work done by public men as well as by careerists.

Shri Swaran Singh: This has always been done. There have been some very outstanding diplomats from public life, and there have been some very outstanding diplomats from the career men.

Shri A. P. Jain: You are becoming very diplomatic!

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Will the Government indicate to us the proportion of public men who have been assigned to the diplomatic posts to the permanent officials?

Shri Swaran Singh: I will be glad to if a separate question is put. I have not got all these proportions worked out with me.

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : अम मानने य मंत्री महोदय ने संकेत किया है कि श्रीलंका में हाई कमिश्नर बन कर जाने वाले हमारे श्री भीमसेन सच्चर जी को कुछ प्राप्ति थी। विशेष रूप से उनको क्या प्राप्ति थी, इस बात का स्पष्टीकरण मंत्री महोदय ने अपने वक्तव्य में नहीं किया है। उस प्राप्ति का निराकरण कहां तक मंत्रालय का ओर से किया गया है ?

Shri Kapur Singh: I asked that question pointedly, and it was not answered.

Mr. Speaker: That was too general.

Shri Kapur Singh: What was the precise point which was raised by this particular diplomat? That was the question I asked.

Mr. Speaker: All right.

Shri Swaran Singh: The main question that was raised by him was of his position in the warrant of precedence.

श्री प्रकाशबोर शास्त्री : आखिरी बात का उत्तर नहीं दिया गया है। मंत्रालय की ओर से उस का कहां तक निराकरण किया गया है, जो आपत्ति उन को थी, उसका।

Shri Swaran Singh: No final decision has yet been taken.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: May I know whether the policy that has been enunciated of recruiting public men as diplomats will continue as hitherto?

Shri Swaran Singh: Yes, Sir. The policy is there, and certainly it continues.

पाकिस्तान के अल्पसंख्यक व्यक्ति

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श्री प० ह० शील :

क्या बंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान में अल्प-संख्यक लोगों को अभी भी तरह तरह से तंग रिया जाता है जैसा कि पाकिस्तान से आने वाले विस्थापित व्यक्तियों से पता चला है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या पाकिस्तान से उन अल्प-संख्यकों को भारत लाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ?

बंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती लक्ष्मी मेनन) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) इस तरह का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है।

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : अल्पसंख्यक क्या अब भी आ रहे हैं ? अब तक कितने आ चुके हैं और कितने वहां बाकी हैं ?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: I do not know the exact number of people who have come from Pakistan. A separate question may be asked, also stating the period for which this information is required.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आ रहे हैं कैसे ?

श्रीमती लक्ष्मी मेनन : अब आ रहे हैं।

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : किस गति से आ रहे हैं, पहले जितने आ रहे हैं, सौ रोज आ रहे हैं, पचास आ रहे हैं, कितने आ रहे हैं ?

Mr. Speaker: Can she give the number that is coming just now?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): These numbers have been given on the floor of the House by the hon. Minister of Rehabilitation. This is an unfortunate situation that there has been this movement of non-Muslim refugees, including Hindus, Buddhists and tribals . . .

Shri Hem Barua: Christians.

Shri Swaran Singh: . . . on account of the very bad situation that prevailed in East Pakistan. Of late, the actual rate has somewhat decreased, but if a separate question is put, I will try to collect the figures.

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : इस मामले को सुलझाने के लिए क्या कोई उच्च स्तर पर भी बातचीत हुई है और हुई है तो उस का क्या परिणाम निकला है ?

Shri Swaran Singh: Efforts have been made, but without any success.

Shri Narendra Singh Mahida: We have received information from the Pakistan High Commission by way of circulars wherein they say that minorities—Hindus and non-Hindus like Christians and others—are returning in more numbers to Pakistan from India. Is it a fact?