

of the United Nations that Pakistan has no longer any *locus standi* with regard to the Kashmir issue and that this dispute should be regarded as a finally closed?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Is the hon. Member referring to the major question relating to Kashmir or to the Pakistan held area of Kashmir?

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: I was saying that Pakistan has got no *locus standi* with regard to Kashmir at all now.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not understand this. It cannot be answered in a sentence or two. Our case on Kashmir was presented by our representative, the Defence Minister, the other day before the Security Council very forcefully and very clearly. It is a fault that Pakistan has done, in our view, another impropriety and illegality by seeking to discuss this matter with China. It has not acted within the confines of legality.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: In view of this development, is it not time for Government to tell the Security Council and Pakistan that the Kashmir dispute should be regarded as closed finally and once for all?

Mr. Speaker: That is a suggestion for action. Next question.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Sir, the hon. Prime Minister is willing to reply.

Mr. Speaker: Should I call another question?

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: He is willing to reply, otherwise we would not have requested you.

Mr. Speaker: He asked, "Is it not time that the Government told this to the Security Council?" That is clearly a suggestion for action and therefore I said that.

Shri Nath Pai: We will ask it otherwise.... (Interruption)

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. I had to decide on the question that was asked. That was clearly a suggestion for action. Now I have called the next question. Is Shri Kamath prepared to ask that?

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: I am in your hands entirely.

Indian Doctors Serving in Burma

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

(a) whether Government of Burma have dispensed with the services of Indian doctors employed in that country; and

(b) if so, reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to information available, three months' notices were served on 24 Indian doctors on the 5th of May by the Burmese Government. The notices are in conformity with the terms of contract entered into when the Indian doctors were recruited by the Government of Burma. The reason for such action on the part of the Burmese Government appears to be their desire to Burmanise their services.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: What is the number of Indian doctors affected by this move of that Government?

Shri Dinesh Singh: I have just now read out the number. It is 24

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: May I know whether this is a fact that these doctors were sent to Burma at the express request of the then Burma Government for assistance in different sectors or activities?

Shri Dinesh Singh: They were not sent by us. The Burmese Government recruited them here.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: How many doctors, of those affected by this order, have already returned to India?

Shri Dinesh Singh: It is rather difficult to say. These doctors have been recruited over a period of ten years for different periods of contract. When the contracts have expired they have come back.

Shri Hem Barua: Since the services of these doctors are being dispensed with, may I know whether it is because of the self-sufficiency so far as doctors are concerned in Burma or it is because of a calculated move to dislodge as many Indians as possible?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): It is clear that the present Government wants its own nationals to serve as doctors. It is not a move against India or Indian doctors as such, but the move is, as has been said, to Burmanise—it is an awful word to use; I do not know—its medical services. There the matter ends. They are acting according to the contracts made with those doctors who were engaged by them directly.

Shri Nambiar: In view of the fact that there is already a shortage of doctors in India may I know whether the Government proposes to absorb these doctors in Government services as and when they come?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I cannot say that. I do not know who these doctors are. They may have been doctors on the retired list or whatever it may be. Anyhow if it is possible to utilise the services of trained doctors that should be looked into.

Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya: May I know whether these doctors were recruited with the consent of the Government of India and whether the Government of India laid down any conditions for their recruitment?

Shri Dinesh Singh: There was no special condition laid down by the Government of India. They were recruited by the Burmese Government with our knowledge and the terms were laid down by the Burmese Government.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether these doctors have since been repatriated and, if so, their number?

Mr. Speaker: That has been answered. They have been coming from time to time.

International Film Festival in Paris

*1245. **Shri D. C. Sharma:**

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether India participated in the International Film Festival in Paris;

(b) if so, the details of the entries; and

(c) whether any of them won any prize?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Sham Nath): (a) to (c). Government are not aware of any film festival in Paris.

Mr. Speaker: Is there any hon. Member who might not have been here when his question was called and now wants to ask his question?

Export of Tea

*1225. **Shri Subodh Hansda:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of tea is gradually declining;

(b) if so, since when it is declining; and

(c) the reason for the decline?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir. Compared to 1960, the export performance in 1961 was an improvement.

(b) and (c): Do not arise.