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Saturday, April 18, 1959/28th Chaitra,
1881 (Saka).

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair].

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Nagas

*1884. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Will the Prime Minister be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some
Nagas have been recently arrested on
their return from East Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether purpose of their
visit has been investigated; and

(c) the nature of the action taken
to control their activities and check
their visits to East Pakistan?

The Deputy Minister of External
Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):
(a) and (b). We have not arrested any
Nagas recently returning from East
Pakistan. The last occasion when
some arrests took place near this border
was in July, 1958.

(c) All possible security measures
have been taken in the affected Dis-
tricts of Assam bordering on East
Pakistan to prevent the movement of
Nagas across the border.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I
know whether any material was re-
covered from the Nagas who were ar-
rested in July, 1958?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: Yes, Sir.
We recovered some arms and ammuni-

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tion, three sten guns, bren guns, some
documents, maps and so on.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I
know whether the purpose of their
visit was ascertained? If so, what
was that?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: They are
supposed to have gone to East Pakis-
tan to meet Phizo.

Shri Raghunath Singh: May I
know the make of the arms?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: I have no
information other than what I have
already given.

Shri Raghunath Singh: I want to
know the make of the arms.

Mr. Speaker: She does not have the
information.

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: I said
sten guns etc. were recovered.

Shri Raghunath Singh: I want to
know the marking of the arms.

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: I have no
information.

Shri Raghunath Singh: To what
country do the arms belong, whether
they are UK or USA or Russian
make?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member is
only multiplying one by million. She
has already said that she does not
have any idea of the make. That
means that she does not exactly know
as to who made those sten guns and
bren guns. What is the use of pur-
suing it in an anxiety to get some
information or the other?

Shri Tangamani: May I know whe-
ther the Government has seen the

press reports to the effect that Phizo has moved to the United States?'

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: That does not arise out of this question.

Indian Handloom Delegation

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*1886. { Shri Aftt Singh Sarhadi:
Shri Dwarka Nath Tewari:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 861 on the 11th December, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the proposal of the Handloom Board to send a delegation to West Africa has been considered and agreed to; and

(b) whether the arrangement for the same has been finalised?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). The matter is still under examination.

Shri Aftt Singh Sarhadi: May I just ask if the object is also to consider the increase in export? May I know if one of the matters for the delegation would be to consider avenues of export also?

Shri Kanungo: Of course. The proposal is that a delegation should be sent to find out as to how to step up exports.

Shri Tangamani: This All India Handloom Board made this suggestion because our traditional market has now dwindled. May I know whether they have made any suggestions about altering the pattern by exporting to these countries?

Shri Kanungo: They have not suggested anything for these specific West African markets, but they have suggested many things for new markets.

Export Potentiality of Onions from Veraval Port

*1887. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the export potentiality of onions to Ceylon and Burma from Veraval Port; and

(b) the number of steamers plying at present for onion trade?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) Export potentiality would depend upon production, exportable surplus and demand overseas. About 5,400 tons, the highest in the last four years, were exported during 1957-58 from Veraval to Ceylon. There were no exports to Burma.

(b) The ships which touch Veraval during their normal operations also carry onions. No ship is earmarked for the purpose.

Shri Pangarkar: May I know the quantity of onion exported out of India during the year 1958-59 and the names of the countries to which it was exported?

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Member will kindly look into the sea-borne export trade of India.

There is no meaning in asking as to which are the countries to which onions are exported. Hon. Member will go to the Library and look it up. Questions on any matter that is not available either in the Library or in the printed documents can be asked here.

Shri Pangarkar: I want to know the total quantity.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member should stand erect and then ask the question.

Shri Pangarkar: I want to know the total quantity of onion exported out of India in 1958-59.

Mr. Speaker: Would it not be available in the export trade of India? For