

Visas for Delegates to the Conference of C.P.I.

*1937. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that visas were refused to delegates from France, Israel and East German for attending the Sixth Conference of C.P.I. held in Vijayawada from 7th to 16th April, 1961;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) how many delegates from various countries applied for visas and how many were granted the same?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) Yes; except for France, from which country no delegates applied for visas.

(b) Although it is not our policy to permit foreigners to come to India to participate in purely local political Conference and Meetings, a few foreigners from five countries were given visas to come to India, for special reasons.

(c) Eighteen delegates had applied for visas which were authorized in respect of 12 delegates.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether there is any special reason why the delegate from Israel was not allowed, although he applied for it?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): These are question decided usually on a variety of consideration. So far as the individual from Israel is concerned, as the House knows, we have no diplomatic relations with Israel. That, of course, does not prevent a person from Israel from coming here. I cannot say at present without inquiry who the particular person was and why it was thought better not to issue him a visa. But as I have said, we do not encourage people from other countries coming here to national conferences when these conferences are on the political level. This was

rather a relaxation of that rule and some people were issued visas.

Shri C. D. Pande: In view of the fact that delegates from certain countries in a similar conference, namely, Peace Conference, abused the courtesy of the host Government, will Government consider the feasibility of not allowing such persons in future?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Any person who has abused the privilege given to him will obviously not be encouraged in future.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : ये जो कम्युनिस्ट काफेसिस होती हैं, और इन्होंने बाहर के देशों से जो कम्युनिस्ट आते हैं, वे हिन्दुस्तान के कम्युनिस्टों को हिन्दुस्तान की सरकार के खिलाफ उकसाने हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यह चीज सरकार के ध्यान में आई है और अगर कोई आई है तो सरकार इसके बारे में क्या कार्रवाई कर रही है ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : कौन किस को उकसाने हैं ।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : बाहर के देशों से जो कम्युनिस्ट आते हैं ।

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : बाहर वाले यहां के लोगों को या यहां वाले बाहर के लोगों को उकसाने हैं ?

श्री विभूति मिश्र : बेजवाहा में अभी एक काफेस हुई थी जिसमें बाहर के देशों के कम्युनिस्ट आये थे और उन्होंने आकर भीतर ही भीतर यहां के कम्युनिस्टों को हिन्दुस्तान की सरकार के खिलाफ उकसाया । क्या इस तरह की जानकारी सरकार को प्राप्त हुई है और अगर हुई है तो इसकी ठीकसम करने के लिये क्या उपाय किये गये हैं ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : जस्टिस है कि अगर कोई ऐसी बात करे तो बहुत बेजग है, बहुत ना नार्मल है । लेकिन क्या उन्होंने मुक्तिवा में कहा, उसका मैं जवाब नहीं दे सकता हूँ ।