

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: There was some talk of a general strike in the estates, but the strike I think was called off. A few persons who did not get notice perhaps of the calling off, indulged in it. But they soon returned to work. They are naturally interested in this, but attempts were made by the leaders of the estate labourers not to get them entangled in this as far as possible.

Shri Narasimhan: Has the Government considered that what is happening in Ceylon, particularly about the Stateless persons, is against what are known as human rights and, if so, whether the Government contemplate any step in this regard at forums other than at India-Ceylon level, such as the United Nations or the Commonwealth?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: No, Sir. We do not contemplate doing that kind of thing. We do not think it is at all right for us. We deal with the Ceylon Government directly and try to settle them however long it may take. I do not think it will be quite right to bring in the question of human rights in regard to estate labour. Their non-recognition or their non-registration as citizens of Ceylon can hardly be called an infringement of human rights. It is undesirable; it is otherwise being protested against.

Shri Tangamani: Recently, news appeared in the papers that the ferry service between Dhanushkodi and Talaimannar which is the link between the South and Ceylon has been discontinued. I would like to know if there is any information whether it has been discontinued and whether the normal channel of communication will be restored.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: My information is that it was discontinued for two days only. This was related to the question of illicit immigrants.

Indian Embassy in Congo

1943. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the recent news item which appeared on the front page of the 'Hindustan Times', New Delhi dated the 16th April, 1961 that the Indian Embassy may be expelled from Congo following a recent sharp attack on the Indian Envoy by Mr. Albert Delvaux, Resident Minister in Belgium and one time acting Prime Minister;

(b) whether the facts have been ascertained;

(c) if not, how far this news is correct; and

(d) action taken in the matter?

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

(a) to (d). Government have seen the news item in question. The Indian Mission in Leopoldville, which took the matter up with the authorities there, was informed that the views reportedly expressed by Mr. Albert Delvaux did not represent the official views of the Government. There is, thus, no basis for the inference that the Indian Mission in the Congo might be closed down by the Congolese authorities.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: In view of the serious situation in the Congo, may I know what security measures are being adopted there?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Sometimes reference is made by hon. Members to security measures. Security for whom? There is certainly a considerable lack of security in the Congo for the people of the Congo, because they are often in conflict with each other. If the question is about security for the Indian army, I do not want other security forces to look after our army; it can look after itself.

Large Scale Pak. Infiltration into Assam

1944. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state: