

Shri M. R. Krishna: Information about what has already been supplied to Pakistan can be given to the Government of India, since the U.S. Government have told Pakistan that they cannot use this equipment against India.

Mr. Speaker: That does not arise out of the main question.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : यूनाइटेड स्टेट्स आफ अमेरिका का काश्मीर के बारे में जो अब तक का रुख रहा है उसको देखते हुए क्या हमारी भारत सरकार को उनके द्वारा दिये ऐक्वोरिसेज पर भरोसा है ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : उन पर मुझे पूरा भरोसा है लेकिन पाकिस्तान क्या करेगा उस पर भरोसा नहीं है ।

Delegation of Goa Chamber of Commerce

*4. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of the Goa Chamber of Commerce met him sometime in February, 1962; and

(b) if so, what are their demands?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):
(a) Yes; it was a courtesy call.

(b) The delegation also met officers of the Ministries of the Government of India concerned. Their principal suggestions were (1) that commodities which cannot be supplied from indigenous sources in India should continue to be imported until the economy of these areas had time to adjust itself with that of the rest of India, and (2) that a survey be undertaken of the industrial potentialities of Goa.

Shri A. K. Gopalan: May I know whether as a result of the talk there

was any agreement about trade matters with the Goa Chamber of Commerce?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: A team has been sent to Goa to survey the industrial potentialities of that area, and after we get their report, steps will be taken to meet the demands.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: May I know whether they also demanded that the export trade from Goa, particularly in regard to natural resources like iron ore and so on, should be permitted to continue just as before the liberation, irrespective of the requirements of our national economy?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I do not know what they demanded. That is the decision that we have arrived at, that it should continue, and the interests of our national economy also point out that it should continue.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: I am referring particularly to the quality of the iron ore found there which is considered to be of superior quality, and our steel plants in this country are reported to be suffering from lack of superior quality iron ore. It is in this context, that I am asking this question....

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member is arguing.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: No. I am only asking whether these things have been taken into consideration before permitting exports to continue as before.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Firstly, we have decided to honour all past commitments. About the future, the matter will be considered. Secondly, it is our general policy to encourage exports of iron ore. I do not know about the exact point the hon. Member raised concerning superior quality. Part of it may be used here; we will use it. But generally, we want exports to continue because they bring in foreign exchange.