

Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad: Part (b) of the question has been answered in the negative. May I know whether his attention has been drawn to representations of the small-scale salt traders that they had been put to inconvenience and difficulties as a result of imports?

Shri Kanungo: No, Sir. There is no such representation before the Government.

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो राक साल्ट हिन्दुस्तान में पैदा करने की कोशिश की गयी थी क्या उससे हमारी राक साल्ट की आवश्यकता पूरी नहीं होती ?

बाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय में अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह) : जो मछी में राक साल्ट है अभी हमने उसको पैदा करने के लिए इत्स लगाए हैं और हमारी आशा है कि जब वह कांटेक्ट सफल हो जाएगा तो हम वहाँ काफी तादाद में राक साल्ट बनायेंगे

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो सरकार पाकिस्तान से एक लाख मन संधा नमक ले रही हैं इसका विभिन्न प्रदेशों में किस आधार पर वितरित किया जाएगा और इसकी प्रति मन क्या कीमत होगी ?

श्री कानूनगो : यह चीज स्टेट ट्रेडिंग कारपोरेशन के डिस्ट्रीब्यूशन एजेंट राज्य सरकारों से मिल कर तै करेगें और उसका रेट भी निर्धारित करेगें ।

श्री राजी : क्या गवर्नमेंट इस बात पर गौर करेगी कि अपने देश की जनता को दूसरे देश का नमक खिलाना कहां तक उचित है ?

श्री कानूनगो : हमारे देश में काफी नमक है और उसको हम इस्तेमाल करते हैं ।

President Ayub's Visit to India

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Shri Rameshwar Tandia:
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Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any definite reaction of President Ayub of Pakistan on the renewed invitation to him to visit India has been received;

(b) if so, the nature of it;

(c) whether any indications have been given by Pakistan Government regarding the desirability of having bilateral negotiations to resolve the Kashmir issue; and

(d) if so, whether there is any likelihood of such talks being held in the near future?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) and (b). President Ayub Khan had given our High Commissioner to understand that in his opinion it would not be worthwhile his visiting India at present.

(c) and (d). We have conveyed to Pakistan our desire to attempt to resolve the Kashmir issue by bilateral talks; but Pakistan is obviously bent on pursuing only an agitational approach before the Security Council. The Prime Minister had already made it clear in reply to Supplementaries on Starred Question No. 72 in the Rajya Sabha on March 20, 1962, that the Security Council discussion and bilateral talks did not fit in, and that for setting the matter it was necessary to pursue either one or the other.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: In view of the fact that the hon. Prime Minister stated in the Raja Sabha, as referred to by the Minister now, that the

two questions, namely, the discussion in the Security Council and the talks, do not fit in, may I know whether the invitation to President Ayub Khan to come to India and discuss the issue has been cancelled now, or whether it stands?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: It does not stand cancelled.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether any indications are available from the Pakistan Government that they want to take up this question, if the thing falls in the Security Council, to the General Assembly?

Mr. Speaker: Shri D. C. Sharma.

Shri D. C. Sharma: It has been reported that before President Ayub Khan undertakes a visit to India, there should be negotiations on a lower level so that the whole issue is discussed. May I know if the Government is aware of any such report?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: We are aware of such reports but nothing is taking place at the moment.

श्री प्रकाशबोर शास्त्री : पाकिस्तानी प्रेसीडेंट जनरल अयूब ने अभी पीछे जो वक्तव्य दिया कि इस वार्तालाप से पहले अनुकूल भूमिका तैयार होनी आवश्यक है तो भारत सरकार ने क्या यह जानने का यत्न किया कि उनका इस अनुकूल भूमिका से अभिप्राय क्या है ?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: It is only for the reason that the bilateral talks have been suggested, so that we know what our differences are and how to settle them.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: In view of the fact that President Ayub Khan is not willing to have talks on this subject, may I know whether the Government propose to withdraw the Kashmir case from the United Nations?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: There is no such thing as withdrawing a question from the United Nations.

Shri Daji: Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that Pakistan's case in the Security Council is being supported, among other countries, by Great Britain and, if so, what steps the Government are taking to explain our case to other countries so that they may not start supporting Pakistan's case?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: As regards the first part of the question, we have no information or notion whether the United Kingdom is supporting Pakistan or not. As for the second part, we are doing everything possible to inform the other countries about our stand and about the facts on this question. This has been going on for some years now, and whenever the question comes up, we shall take up the matter and explain our position to the countries concerned.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: May I know whether some countries proposed recently that India and Pakistan should take over this matter across the table under the auspices of the United Nations in New York, and if so, whether this proposal has been accepted by the Government of India or has not been accepted?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: The hon. Member might be referring to the suggestions made sometime ago by President Kennedy about Mr. Eugene Black's intervention in this matter. I think the question has been answered in this House.

Shri Bade: In view of the fact that Pakistan has committed aggression and is in forcible occupation of our territory, something like 42,000 sq. miles, may I know why Pakistan has been invited for talks without their vacating our territory?

Mr. Speaker: That is entering into arguments. Next question.

Shri Nambiar rose—

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry. I have called the next question.