

Czechoslovakia, those who want the revolution to go forward, should keep quiet, otherwise they will trot out an excuse and say that the Communist world is getting together (*Interruptions*).

MR. SPEAKER: Do not go into the merits of the case.

SHRI A. SREEDHARAN: Therefore, Sir, I think the admissibility of this Calling Attention Notice is a violation of article 51 of the Constitution (*Interruption*).

DR. RANEN SEN (Barasat): Sir, I would like to add one point.

MR. SPEAKER: I am not discussing that point now. He has raised a point of order and I have to answer him. If all of you get up like this I do not know how I can answer him.

DR. RANEN SEN: Before you answer, Sir, I have got another point to place before you so that you may give a complete answer.

MR. SPEAKER: I do not want any further clarification. I have admitted it. I have considered all aspects of the question. There is no question of offending Russia or Czechoslovakia. We are friendly nations. Our making some suggestions or putting forward some ideas need not offend anybody. (*Interruptions*). Order, order. I got up to say something else. I have admitted this Calling Attention Notice and three names are put here. But some hon. Member pointed out to me that he had also given a Calling Attention Notice on the previous day and that was overlooked when this was printed. I searched the papers. I am really glad to point out that he had given a notice on the previous day. Shri Samar Guha's name was there and, therefore, his name will be put down as the fourth in the list of names of Members in whose name this Calling Attention Notice stands. Therefore it will be the fourth name.

श्री कंबरलाल गुप्ता (दिल्ली सदर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं अविलम्बनीय लोक महत्त्व के निम्नलिखित विषय की शीघ्र वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री का ध्यान दिलाता हूँ और प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि वह इस बारे में एक वक्तव्य दें :—

“चेकोस्लोवाकिया सोवियत विवाद तथा इस विषय में भारत सरकार द्वारा किये गये प्रयास”।

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, as the House is aware, a new leadership assumed office in Czechoslovakia some months ago. They made known their desire to make certain changes in the internal structure and policies of their country. This apparently created certain misapprehensions amongst some of their fellow members of the Warsaw Pact Organization. There was an exchange of correspondence between the five countries of the Warsaw Pact after their recent meeting in Warsaw, and the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party. The press has carried detailed reports of this correspondence. Following these exchanges, a meeting between the representatives of the Communist Parties of the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia was arranged, and the leaders of these two parties are at present engaged in talks in Czechoslovakia. The outcome of these bilateral discussions is yet to be known. The Government of India do not consider it desirable to express views on the merits of the issues currently being discussed. In view of the sensitiveness of the situation, any comment may accentuate the difficulties rather than make a useful contribution. Bearing these considerations in mind, most Governments have exercised restraint.

It is our earnest hope that matters pertaining to the policies of Czechoslovakia and to her relations with her neighbours will be resolved amicably. We also hope that the processes of détente in Europe will continue.

SHRI NATH PAI (Rajapur): What asquib!

SHRI M. L. SONDHI (New Delhi): What a fall from the days of Shri Nehru!

श्री कंवर लाल गुप्त : अध्यक्ष महोदय, भारत का हर एक नागरिक, जो विश्व-शांति में विश्वास करता है, सोवियत यूनियन के चेकोस्लोवाकिया पर दबाव डालने के बारे में चिन्ता व्यक्त करता है, विशेषतः इसलिए कि दोनों ही हमारे मित्र देश हैं। हम यह चाहते हैं कि किसी भी देश का किसी अन्य देश पर दबाव नहीं रहना चाहिये। क्याल यह था कि उनकी बातचीत के बाद कोई रास्ता निकल आयेगा लेकिन कल यह खबर आई कि श्री ब्रेज्नेव बीमार हो गये और एक दम वापिस चले गये। मालूम नहीं कि वह पोलिटबुरो की बैठक में या वह सही मनों में बीमार थे। लेकिन अब वह बातचीत दोबारा शुरू हुई है। लेकिन जैसे जैसे इसमें देर होती जाती है, इस बारे में और चिन्ता होती जाती है कि यह समस्या क्यों नहीं सुलझ रही है, कहीं दबाव तो ज्यादा नहीं डाला जा रहा है। चेकोस्लोवाकिया के साथ हमारा पुराना रिश्ता है। सब तरह की मदद चेकोस्लोवाकिया से इस देश को मिलती है। लेकिन इतने दिन झगड़ा होने के बाद भी हमारी सरकार उसको एक पैसिव स्पेक्टेटर की तरह से देखती रही है।

MR. SPEAKER: You are making a speech. Now I will have to stop it. Please come to the question.

श्री कंवर लाल गुप्त : मुझे जरा बैक-अपण्ड तो देने दीजिये।

यू० के० रूमानिया और बल्गारिया के प्राइम मिनिस्टर्स, श्री टीटो और दूसरे देशों ने इस विषय में चिन्ता व्यक्त की है। कुछ वर्ष पहले हम हंगरी के सम्बन्ध में पहले तो चुप रहे और बाद में जब गड़बड़ हो गई, तो हमने चिन्ता व्यक्त की। शायद हम उस हिस्ट्री को रिपीट करना चाहते हैं। चेकोस्लोवाकिया का क्या टड है? मैं आपकी आशा से चेकोस्लोवाकिया की कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी के रेजोल्यूशन में से दो चार लाइन पढ़ना चाहता हूँ।

MR. SPEAKER: Do not quote it; everybody has read it.

श्री कंवर लाल गुप्त : उस रेजोल्यूशन में कहा गया है :

"Our development today is a development corresponding to our present Czechoslovak conditions; it was with the awareness of responsibility before our nation that the Party has taken this road. That is why, however, the Party Central Committee considers it necessary to stress in the present situation that attempts to present our course as a certain obligatory "model" for all socialist countries are wrong in principle as to content, and politically harmful both for us and for the development of our relations to the allied socialist countries".

"The existence of differences among communist parties should not, however, negatively affect their mutual relations. In accord with the Action Programme, we shall explain and defend our stand point that our internal development is the sovereign affair of Czechoslovakia. We do not interfere with internal political questions of other countries and we demand the same as regard their relations to our country."

MR. SPEAKER: Will you come to the question now?