

**SHRI S. KUNDU :** I would like to know what would be the real power of this autonomous Board, whether this Board will work on a profit and loss basis and whether the Board will also determine the locations of the future ordnance factories.

**SHRI P. C. SETHI :** As far as the high level Board is concerned, I have already said that the formation of the Board is under consideration, This Board would be empowered to take decisions so that delays might be curtailed, and it will have on it representatives of Finance and Supplies.

**श्री कंवरलाल गुप्त :** क्या यह सही है कि कुछ आर्डिनंस फैक्ट्रीज जितनी उनकी कंपैसिटी है उससे बहुत कम माल तैयार करती हैं और क्या यह भी सही है कि सरकार के पास यह सुझाव आया है कि इन आर्डिनंस फैक्ट्रीज को जो जैसे कि और पब्लिक सेक्टर अन्डरटेकिंग्स हैं, यह तो अभी डिपार्टमेंट चला रहा है, डिपार्टमेंट से अलग निकाल करके जैसे और पब्लिक अन्डरटेकिंग्स चलती हैं, उस तरह से चलाया जाय ? यह अगर सुझाव आया है तो उसके बारे में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

**SHRI P. C. SETHI :** We have certain public sector projects under the Defence Ministry also. As regards the factories under the DGOF we propose to set up an autonomous board and there is no proposal to turn them into public limited companies. Apart from them, we do have certain public sector companies catering to the needs of the defence department.

**श्री यशवन्त सिंह कुशावाह :** क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि अपने देश के जो आयुध कारखाने हैं इनमें जो अस्त्र-शस्त्र बनते हैं उनमें लगने वाली कच्ची सामग्री या कल पुर्जों के मामले में भारत आत्म-निर्भर है या विदेशों से कुछ लेना पड़ता है ? यदि लेना पड़ता है तो कितने प्रतिशत ?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** यह इसमें से नहीं पैदा होता ।

**Improving Relations with U. S. A. and Other Countries**

\*487. **SHRI N. R. LASKAR :**  
**SHRI DHANDAPANI :**  
**SHRI MAYAVAN :**  
**DR. M. SANTOSHAM :**

Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian and Soviet officials had a week long talks to discuss the way and means of strengthening the ties between the two countries ;

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks ;

(c) whether India had such type of discussion with U.S.A. also ;

(d) if not, whether the relation between India and U.S.A. are going down day to day ; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to improve our relations with U. S. A. and with other countries ?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) :** (a) Yes, Sir. The second round of Indo-Soviet bilateral talks was held in Moscow in May, 1970.

(b) There was exchange of views with the Soviet Foreign Office on questions of mutual interest. A copy of the joint press statement issued after the talks had been placed on the Table of the House while answering Unstarred Question No. 563 on 29th July, 1970.

(c) Yes, Sir. The second round of Indo-U.S. bilateral talks was held in Washington in October, 1969.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

SHRI N. R. LASKAR : The hon. Minister answered just now that there was exchange of views on questions of mutual interest which are of concern to both the countries. We must continue to have discussions like this. I should like to know from the hon. Minister if there was any follow-up action so that there was some concrete outcome, and, if so, the Government should give data on some of the aspects.

SHRI SWARAN SINGH : Follow-up action is taken on matters on which such action is to be taken, such as economic collaboration, supplies, and several other matters.

SHRI N. R. LASKAR : Parts (c) and (d) of the question are positive but the answers is 'do not arise'. I do not understand what it means.

SHRI SWARAN SINGH : I have given a definite reply to part (c) of the question that some bilateral talks were held between Indian and U.S. representatives in Washington in October 1969. There is likelihood of such bilateral talks being held in the current year or next year.

SHRI N. R. LASKAR : The question is : 'whether the relations between India and the U.S.A. are going down day by day'.

SHRI SWARAN SINGH : It is not correct.

SHRI S. M. SOLANKI : May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Government of India is going to improve the relations with Pakistan and China or not, and whether the Government of India is going to improve the relations after getting the territories which are in possession of Pakistan and China ?

MR. SPEAKER : This is a question about the relations with Soviet Union and U.S.A.

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS : Other countries also. (*Interruption*).

SHRI S. M. SOLANKI : Whether efforts are being taken to improve the

relations with China and Pakistan. Part (c) of the question is, 'if so, what steps are being taken to improve our relations with U.S.A. and with other countries ?' So, we can ask a question relating to other countries also. I want to know whether the Government is going to improve our relations with Pakistan and China, after getting our territories which are now in possession of China and Pakistan, or before getting those territories.

SHRI SWARAN SINGH : Sir, although other countries are mentioned at the heading, the main or the substantive parts of the question do not refer to our relations with other countries. (*Interruption*)

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA : Please see (e).

SHRI SWARAN SINGH : "Whether India had such type of discussion with U.S.A. also ;" I have answered it.

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA : That is part (c). Please read part (e).

SHRI SWARAN SINGH : "If so, what steps are being taken to improve our relations with U.S.A.—"

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS : —and with other countries." (*Interruption*)

MR. SPEAKER : Order, order. This is a question which has been admitted ; but it is too wide in its scope. But anyway, it is there. The "other countries" are there.

SHRI SWARAN SINGH : So far as our relations with Pakistan and China are concerned, this is a matter about which the Government's position has been explained from time to time. There is no new development about which I need inform the House.

श्री राम लक्ष्मण दास : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मंत्री महोदय ने यह कहा कि अभी हमारे बीच में नये डेवलपमेंट्स नहीं हुए हैं जहाँ तक कि चीन और पाकिस्तान का सवाल है लेकिन प्रधान मंत्री ने इस तरह का का फीरर दिया है दोस्ती का ।

**SHRIMATI SUCHETA KRIPALANI :** During the week-long talks with Soviet Russia, did our officials point out to the Soviet officials the publication of the wrong map by the Soviet Government, and that it is going to hurt the feelings of the people of India, and how are they going to redress this?

**SHRI SWARAN SINGH :** This was specifically taken up during the last talks and India's position and India's views in this respect were clearly explained and conveyed to the Soviet representatives.

**SHRIMATI SUCHETA KRIPALANI :** Are the Soviet Government going to withdraw that map? (*Interruption*)

**SHRI SWARAN SINGH :** I have not heard from them that they are going to withdraw the map.

**SHRI LOBO PRABHU :** Why don't we publish maps of Soviet Russia and China according to us? (*Interruption*)

**MR. SPEAKER :** The map question is coming up separately.

We have fixed some time for it. (*Interruption*)

**SHRI SWARAN SINGH :** It is a suggestion for action which the Swatantra party may consider.

**श्री श्रीमत् प्रकाश त्यागी :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार का ध्यान उस समाचार की तरफ गया है जिसमें यह कहा है कि अमेरिका के एक सिनेटर ने कहा कि कल्चरल सेंटर्स जो अमेरिका द्वारा भारत में चल रहे थे उनके सम्बन्ध में जो सरकार ने निर्णय लिया है त्रिवेन्द्रम की बात को लेकर उससे अमेरिका और भारत के सम्बन्धों पर कुप्रभाव पड़ेगा? क्या ऐसा कुप्रभाव पड़ा है? यदि नहीं तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या अमेरिका के साथ कुछ बातचीत तय हो गई है कल्चरल सेंटर्स के सम्बन्ध में? अगर हुई है तो यह क्या है?

**SHRI SWARAN SINGH :** Sir, we took a decision with regard to the running

or the maintenance of cultural centres in a non-discriminatory manner, and our general approach was that normally these should not be established at places where the other Governments do not have either diplomatic, consular or trade representatives. Some discussion is going on, as I have already informed the House, for working out the framework within which such cultural centres, if they are to be located, have to function. No final decision, however, in this respect has been taken. I do not think there is any risk of our relations being affected by a decision that we have taken with regard to these cultural centres.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Industrial Mobilisation Plan

\*484. **SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1444 on the 6th May, 1970 and state :

(a) whether the Report of the group for Industrial Mobilisation Plan has been submitted; and

(b) if so, whether the same will be laid on the Table of the House?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) :** (a) and (b). No, Sir. The Report has not yet been submitted to the Government.

### India's Mediation offer for Laos Problem

\*485. **SHRI C. JANARDHANAN ;  
SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE ;  
SHRI SARJOO PANDEY :**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India as Chairman of the International Control Commission has offered to mediate between the opposing forces in Laos; and