

the chairmanship of Shri Vikram Sarabhai. That Committee is looking into it and the progress made so far has been satisfactory.

SHRI RANJIT SINGH : Will the hon. Minister assure the House that after these units come into production we shall be self-sufficient at least as regards our defence requirements in electronic equipments? May I also know whether the recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee—Shri Swaminathan was then Secretary, Defence production—regarding participation of certain private sector projects for manufacturing the same equipment which these factories are going to turn out are also going to be coordinated along with the programme for these factories?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : As I said earlier, our object is to achieve as much self-reliance as possible by 1975. But it is difficult to say that any country can achieve hundred per cent self-reliance in defence equipments.

NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE

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*453. **SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :**

SHRI RABI RAY :

SHRI DEIVEEKAN :

SHRI ANBUCHEZHIAN :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that President Tito has recently called upon to hold an urgent non-aligned Summit Conference to discuss the worsening situation in West Asia and Vietnam;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) when the meeting is likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) to (c). Presumably, the Hon. Members have in mind certain reports of a Press Conference held by President Tito during his recent visit to Cairo. Government of India are not aware of any

proposals to hold an urgent non-aligned Summit Conference to discuss the situation in West Asia. The Governments of India and Yugoslavia share the conviction that there is a need for a renewed effort by the non-aligned countries in defence of peace and for promoting international cooperation in the context of the present day international situation. It is our understanding that President Tito proposes to enter into consultations with friendly countries who may be interested in participating in such a common effort for the improvement of the international situation.

SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :

Sir, the Minister is reading an old reply prepared by his office. Even in today's papers we have seen that President Tito wanted to call for a conference and, I think, he has called for a conference. When they meet in such committees, what are the decisions that they take? Are they taking decisions after hearing what the other members say? Recently we have acted on President Nasser's information that the Americans have given air protection to Israelis when they attacked them. Now he has stated that by mistake he has said like that. If on the basis of such false or incorrect information we take decisions, we will also cut a sorry figure in such conferences. Instead of playing His Master's Voice records, it would be better if we get correct information and then act and take decision in those conferences.

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI) : May I assure the hon. Member that it is not an old answer which is read? I wrote this answer after the Ambassador from Yugoslavia had met me and the last part of the answer includes a sentence :

"It is our understanding that President Tito proposes to enter into consultations with friendly countries....."

Secondly, there is no question of this conference taking decisions. We have not taken any action, as the Hon'ble Member says, upon what President

Nasser has said, about the US forces and so on. There is no question of taking any decision on that. The purpose of such meetings is to exchange views and to see specifically whether we can co-operate in economic or in other matters which we feel are of mutual interest or in the interest of world peace.

SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU : I was told that recently our Embassy was bombed and some Indians have been attacked. Whenever we meet in such conferences it is better to take some decisions to protect our people abroad. So, will the hon. Minister consider attending such conferences and taking some decision in this matter?

MR. SPEAKER : Decision by these Ministers ? Shri Rabi Ray.

श्री रवि राय : अध्यक्ष महोदय, अभी मन्त्री महोदय ने बताया कि उनको कोई जानकारी नहीं कि टीटो साहब इस प्रकार का सम्मेलन बुला रहे हैं। मैं आपके जरिये से उनसे पूछना चाहता हूँ कि क्या भारत सरकार खुद इस प्रकार का सम्मेलन बुलाने में अगुवाई करेगी। यदि हाँ, तो कब तक ?

श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी : इसके बार में हम पहले भी कह चुके हैं कि हम इस सम्मेलन के विरोध में हैं और न कुछ खास हमारी इच्छा है कि वह हो। करने का प्रश्न तभी उठेगा जबकि हमें लगे कि इससे कुछ निकल सकता है। इस समय हमें नहीं लगता है कि इससे कुछ नतीजा निकल सकता है।

SHRI HEM BARUA : After the said experience of the Cairo non-aligned conference, do Government think that any useful purpose would be served by another non-aligned conference ? Secondly, there are different shades of non-alignment in the world—some countries are positively non-aligned, some are negatively non-aligned, some are simply non-aligned; then, there are some yellow non-aligned countries, some pseudo non-aligned countries and some quasi-non-aligned countries. Which type of non-aligned countries has the Prime Minister in mind for consultation in the summit conference?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : Since I am not proposing these consultations, therefore the question of which countries are in my mind does not arise. But, normally, we try to seek out areas of agreement between different countries and see whether those areas can be enlarged.

SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH : A news item has appeared today that the Yugoslav President has conveyed through his Ambassador certain matters with regard to the problems of Vietnam and West Asia. May I know from the Prime Minister whether by extending the scope of the meeting and by enlisting the co-operation of other countries which are very near to our way of thinking they will be able to find a way-out, of course through the good offices of the United Nations, to find a solution for these two problems of Vietnam and West Asia?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : On both these matters we are making efforts to find peaceful solutions. On west Asia in the Security Council we have subscribed to the resolution and we are enlisting the support of other countries in this resolution. On the North Vietnam question we have given expression to our views. There we are co-operating with the other countries and the Secretary-General of the United Nations in finding a peaceful solution.

SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK : We have been often hearing in this House about non-aligned countries but we know that every so-called non-aligned country is also aligned. UAR, for example, is non-aligned but it has a military pact with Syria and Iraq; so is the case with others. May I know whether there is any country which is absolutely non-aligned, which has no allies and no friends; if there is any such country which is not aligned with anybody, may I know which those countries are?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : The definition of non-alignment has been given many a time. The question is whether you align with someone on a specific issue; you do not necessarily go with a group or a country on every

issue. You judge each issue on its merits and take your decision. You may certainly go with one person or another; or, somebody else may go with you on particular issues.

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV : From the press reports it appears that President Tito has not only proposed a conference of non-aligned countries but has also come out with a new proposal that all those countries who are specifically anti-imperialist should all be invited to such a conference to consider the political situation as well as the economic situation in the world. May I know from the Prime Minister how far the Government of India agrees in principle with such a conference?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : As we have said in this reply, at the moment there is no specific proposal. It is a question of taking people's views on different matters. Government will also consider these matters in all their aspects and take a decision.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : It is our past experience that the summit conferences attended by India are always mooted by other countries. In view of the fact that worst conditions prevail in West Asia and Vietnam, I put it straightaway to the Prime Minister whether this Government will take the initiative to convene a summit conference or a non-aligned Afro-Asian conference, excluding those countries which are hostile to us, and see that the situation is eased.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : We are very much in favour of easing the situation. The Minister has just now said that we are in touch with all these who are interested in this matter. If a conference of the type suggested by the hon. Member would serve any useful purpose, we would certainly think about it. But at this moment we do not think that it will.

SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA : While these non-aligned summit conferences have been useful in an exchange of views, they should also further our national interest. In that regard may I know what view the other two powers,

UAR and Yugoslavia, have taken in regard to our stand in opposing the proposed draft nuclear treaty?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : They have not taken any special view of this.

SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH : India is the Chairman of the International Control Commission on Vietnam and it also holds a partisan view in this conflict in favour of North Vietnam. Since it does not behove the Chairman to take a partisan view—it is not correct also—may I know whether Government will either take a neutral stand in this conflict or resign from the chairmanship of the Commission?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : It is an extra-ordinary statement because each case is seen and you have to decide which side is correct on a particular issue. You cannot say that a judge takes a partisan view because he comes to a particular judgement.

AN HON. MEMBER : There is no judgement....(Interruption).

SHRI S. M. KRISHNA : My charge against this Government is.....(Interruption).

SHRI SHEO NARAIN : There cannot be a charge during Question Hour.

MR. SPEAKER : Order, order. He is a new Member. Let him put his question.

SHRI S. M. KRISHNA : I would not claim any indulgence because I am a new Member. First I am framing a charge and then I will be coming to a question. I am putting it to the Prime Minister why is it that India always gets into the position of dittoing somebody. Last time, there was a conference convened by President Nassar and this time it is a conference which is being sounded by President Tito. Now, my question to the Prime Minister is : Why should not India which is one of the biggest democracies initiate some of these proceedings? Why should it always ditto somebody?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : When friends meet together and come

to an agreement about further meeting together, it is not dittoing anybody.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, अभी एक सवाल के जवाब में माननीय प्रधानमंत्री ने नौन एलाइनमेंट की व्याख्या की है। उस व्याख्या की रोशनी में मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ कि अगर भारत, बर्मा और नेपाल अपनी सुरक्षा के लिए कोई सीमित संधि करें तो वह हमारे नौन एलाइनमेंट के अनुसार ठीक होगी या गलत होगी?

श्रीमती हंडिरा गांधी : नौन एलाइनमेंट से इस का कोई सम्बन्ध नहीं है लेकिन यह हमें देखना होगा कि सुरक्षा के दृष्टिकोण से इस में कुछ लाभ है या नहीं है।

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA : As this morning's papers have reported, President Tito has sounded the Government about convening of this conference with some urgency. We know that President Tito has been following some kind of formula with West Asian countries and so far he did not succeed because it was not acceptable by the Arab States. In view of the latest news, it appears that President Tito has sounded the Indian Government about convening a conference. May I know whether President Tito has had satisfaction that the formula that he had mooted in the West Asian countries is likely to be accepted by the Arabs and whether President Tito has made any indication about the non-alignment conference taking up this issue and has he also indicated to the Government as to who are the other members who are likely to participate in this conference and who have given acceptance for participating in it?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : As said earlier, there is no specific proposal for holding a conference on West Asia. I am not aware of any formula of President Tito which has not been accepted by the Arab countries. He is certainly trying to find a way out. In that connection, he has travelled to a number of countries and found out the views of a number of people. At this moment, there is nothing specific.

SHRI SWELL : I want to know whether the Government's attention has been drawn to this morning's paper report that President Nasser has said that he was wrong in accusing the United States of America of helping Israelis in the Arab-Israeli war last year. I want to know whether the Government agrees with this view of President Nasser and whether they consider that this has created a new situation in West Asia that would make this non-aligned conference meaningful.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : I do not see how this matter comes into it. I do not think it affects the situation.

NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN AFRICA

*454. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the question of giving effective material aid to the national liberation movement in Angola and other parts of Africa, has been considered by Government; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). The Government of India have rendered, and shall continue to render, material assistance to various liberation movements in Africa. Such assistance includes the award of scholarships to enable students to pursue higher studies in India, the supply of medicines, books, cloth, etc. Government of India have also made contributions to the U.N. Trust Fund for assisting refugees from South Africa and to the Defence Aid Fund for victims of apartheid.

DR. RANEN SEN : The people of certain countries of Africa, namely, Angola, South Africa, South-West Africa, etc. are fighting for national independence with which the Government of India is fully sympathetic. Besides this help which the hon. Minister has mentioned, has the Government of India thought it necessary to render