

can begin to occupy and place our check posts there?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** It is essentially a military matter which they have to decide; I cannot say. There is no question of our giving them freedom or not, but they discuss the matter sometimes with our officials of the External Affairs Ministry, but the decision is theirs.

**Shri Ranga:** We are not able to follow.

**Dr. M. S. Aney:** Am I to understand that the present non-occupation of certain areas is due to military considerations and there is no kind of undertaking given by us to anybody that we shall not occupy that place during the intervening period?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):** There are two reservations as far as the Chinese are concerned with regard to the Colombo proposals. One was the movement of military, armed forces, up to the MacMahon order and the other is the control of the posts in the area that is vacated by them in Ladakh. The Chinese want their actual posts to be maintained because they say they were there before 1959, and the other posts that were established by us were established after 1959 and therefore we should abandon them. It is on this basis that the Chinese are not accepting the Colombo proposals. So, it is really the point at dispute.

**Shri Ranga:** I would like to have a clarification. Have we made it very clear to our military, barring considerations of weather, that they should take the earliest possible opportunity of reoccupying the areas that have been vacated by the Chinese even if we are not strong enough to go even far beyond?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** We have moved forward and occupied and established civil posts in many places, but it is largely a military matter. He has asked, "if it has been made

clear to them." Of course, it is, but these are not matters which are decided in this way. I believe, from time to time, almost every other day, they meet the Foreign Secretary or somebody and discuss it with him. The essential decision lies with the military.

#### Marmagao Harbour

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\*106. { **Shri Surendra Pal Singh:**  
**Shri Gokaran Prasad:**

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some time back Government instituted an enquiry committee to go into the question of the development of Marmagao harbour; and

(b) if so, the outcome of that enquiry?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report of the committee is still under consideration by Government.

**Shri Surendra Pal Singh:** Is it a fact that the Ministry of Defence have asked the Government of India to hand over this port to them, for the development of the same as a big naval base on the west coast of India?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** A study team consisting of representatives of the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Transport and Communications and the Ministry of External Affairs studied the matter. The Defence Ministry is anxious to have the port developed as a naval base. But the Transport and Communications Ministry think that it will be more useful for civilian and commercial purposes. So, we are just studying the arguments put forward by both the Ministries to find out in what way we can reconcile the demands of both the Ministries and develop this port.

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**Shri Surendra Pal Singh:** May I know how soon a decision will be taken in the matter?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** Very soon.

#### Colombo Proposals

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**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:**

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:**

**Shri Bishwanath Roy:**

**Shri Shree Narayan Das:**

**Shri P. K. Deo:**

**Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:**

**Shri Jagdev Singh**

**Siddhanti:**

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:**

**Shri S. C. Samanta:**

**Shri L. M. Singhvi:**

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**Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**

**Shri Rameshwaranand:**

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:**

**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**

**Shri Hem Barua:**

**Shri D. D. Mantri:**

**Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:**

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**

**Shri Bhakt Darshan:**

**Shri Sivamurthi Swami:**

**Shri Raghunath Singh:**

**Shri Koya:**

**Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:**

**Shri Kajrolkar:**

**Shri Heda:**

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) the progress, if any, made in furtherance of the Colombo proposals regarding India-China border settlement; and

(b) the nature of China's final reaction in the matter?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):** (a) The Government of India have conveyed their acceptance in toto of the Colombo proposals to the Prime Minister of Ceylon.

(b) The Government of India have not so far received any definite information regarding China's final official reaction to these proposals.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** May I know what is the Government of India's reaction to the Chinese attitude subsequent to our acceptance of the Colombo proposals? We have accepted the Colombo proposals and the Chinese have not accepted them. We do not know what they intend to do. Are there any indications of any fruitful negotiations or are we going to wait endlessly? What is the Government of India's reaction to the Chinese attitude subsequent to our acceptance of the proposals?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** There is no question of our reaction. We continue doing what we would normally do. But the fact is clear that if the Chinese do not accept the proposals, then those proposals fall to the ground.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** If the Chinese do not accept the proposals, how long do we wait for their acceptance? That is one part of the question. The situation is this. There is great confusion in the country. If we wait endlessly, there may be a stalemate to our disadvantage. I want to know whether we are preparing to meet the fresh Chinese aggression or we are preparing to get the Chinese aggression vacated.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** There is no question of waiting for anything. We prepare our defence and take such steps as we think are desirable. We are not conditioned by any waiting period.

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