

necessarily? Can he not give his answers sitting, as you have yourself suggested. Our asking questions is inhibited because we do not want to cause him any pain.

**Mr. Speaker:** Now he might put his question uninhibited.

**Shri Ranga:** Sir, you must have been noticing it all these days that I have been trying to avoid putting questions to him.

**Mr. Speaker:** I joined him once in making that request to the Prime Minister.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Yes, Sir. You also requested him once. Now, let us leave it to him.

**Shri Nath Pai:** The mike has to be adjusted a little.

**Shri Ranga:** Why is it that the Government of India has not been careful enough to bring to the notice of the United Nations those press reports according to which the Pakistan Government was going to give this concession to China and cooperate in building up this road? If they had placed it as one of our complaints before the United Nations, possibly their denial also would have been on their records for future use.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I do not know what the hon. Member means by placing it on record in the United Nations. The fact has been mentioned there by Mr. Chagla in the course of his speech recently. And thus far it is rather an idea which is being suggested in newspapers, not confirmed by either Government. But the idea is there. It is a very difficult concept to make about that road there. Anyhow, it was referred to by Mr. Chagla in his speech there.

### Military Personnel Killed in NEFA and Ladakh

\*702. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the final list of the military personnel killed, missing and wounded in the NEFA and Ladakh operations has been prepared; and

(b) if so, the final number arrived at?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Shri D. R. Chavan):**

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The requisite information is as under:—

	Army	Air Force
(1) Killed	1,381	Nil
(2) Missing (believed killed)	1,698	1
(3) Wounded	1,047	Nil

**Shri Hem Raj:** May I know whether the pension cases of those persons who have been taken as killed have been finalised?

**Shri D. R. Chavan:** Majority of their cases have been finalised.

**Shri Hem Raj:** May I know whether all those cases, about which an answer was given last time that they are to be traced, have all been traced? In November last, in reply to a question, it was stated:

"The number of Indian personnel still unaccounted for is 771. There are some bodies in the demilitarised zone in Ladakh and the Thagla Ridge area details of which we are endeavouring to obtain."

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan):** That number is quite reduced now. The number of missing and unaccounted today stands at 123.

**Shri Bishwanath Roy:** May I know whether the Government has got any idea about the Chinese soldiers who

were killed while trying to kill our own jawans?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** No, Sir. We have no information.

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** May I know if it is correct that the salaries of the wounded soldiers who are still in the hospital have been reduced by half?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** I will require notice for this because I have no information on this just now.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** In the category of persons missing (believed killed)—that is how I heard him—the number is one thousand and odd. Has the Government tried to ascertain definitely from our Embassy in Peking, the International Red Cross and other sources, whether there are still any prisoners of war in Chinese hands and whether the lists given by the Chinese are fake or what?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** When we come to this presumption that they are believed to be killed, normally we reach this presumption after a very long process of enquiry with the repatriated persons, the Red Cross organisation and various other organisations.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** My question was whether they have tried to ascertain if there are still some prisoners of war in the Chinese hands?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** I do not think there are any prisoners of war in the Chinese hands now.

**Shri Hem Barua:** During our last visit to NEFA, we came across a burning ground on this side of Sela where there were heaps of ashes and bones of the jawans who bled for our country. May I know why is it that the Government have not yet considered it necessary or desirable to do the minimum in their memory to raise a monument at the particular spot hallowed by their blood?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** It is a suggestion. We will consider it.

**Shri Hem Barua:** It happened in 1962 and up till now they have not considered this suggestion and, Sir, if you see that spot you will feel....

**Mr. Speaker:** What next? They have not considered that suggestion.

**Shri Hem Barua:** I am sorry, they have not considered it.

**Mr. Speaker:** That is all right. He is sorry, but what next?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** I would like to explain this. The matter was considered. It was thought necessary that we might consider this question after the emergency was over because if it is to be done it should be done in a proper way. And certainly some steps will have to be taken to protect the memorial also. It is no use putting it up under difficult conditions. So, really speaking, thought was given to this matter, and it is not that it was not considered. It was considered. The present thought is that it should be considered and some memorial should be raised in NEFA after the emergency is over.

**Shri Basappa:** May I know whether there are any missing officers still and whether all those officers who have since returned have joined duty and whether they have been interviewed and what the experience gained in restoring the morale of these people is?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** I have already given the number of missing personnel.

**Mr. Speaker:** The second part of the question is whether all those who were missing have been traced and have come back and joined duty?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** Those who have come back have joined their normal duties.

**Dr. M. S. Aney:** May I know whether the decision that something will be done after the emergency is over to raise a memorial is a matter of

record or it is only an expression of opinion here?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** It is my opinion and it has certainly some sanctity as I am expressing it on the floor of the House.

**Dr. M. S. Aney:** I want to know whether it is a matter of record.

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** क्या सरकार यह बतला सकती है कि कितने घराने ऐसे हैं जिन के कि सुपुत्र लड़ते हुए मरे हैं और उन घरों पर आज तक स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स या सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट का कोई भी आपना रिप्रेजेंटेटिव नहीं पहुंचा है, ऐसे घरानों की तादाद कितनी है ?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** I do not think that there are any houses like that.

**Shri Ranga:** May I know whether we have made any appeal to the International Red Cross to approach the Chinese Government and ascertain to their own satisfaction whether any of our prisoners of war are still there either officially or unofficially in some camps or in hospitals or in various other places, to be sure that the statement made by the Chinese Government is absolutely correct?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** May I say that even when we had a larger number of prisoners of war in China, we had approached the International Red Cross to approach the Chinese Government but the Chinese Government refused to deal with the International Red Cross. So, after that, we have not tried that source.

**श्री कमलनयन बजाज :** क्या मन्त्री महोदय ने इस पर भी विचार किया है कि जो भिसिंग सोलजर्स हैं उनकी फैमिलीज के वास्ते पेंशन जो कुछ देने की है क्योंकि उनमें कुछ मर गये होंगे, कुछ लापता होंगे और कुछ जिन्दा होंगे तो कम से कम उनकी फैमिलीज को हार्डशिप न हो, कुछ ऐसा रास्ता निकाला जाय जिससे उनको पेंशन और जो राहत देना चाहते हैं वह पूरी पूरी उनको मिले क्या इसके बारे में कुछ विचार किया गया है ?

**श्री यशवन्तराव चव्हाण :** हमने इस पर विचार किया है और कुछ ऐक्शन भी इस बारे में लिया है ।

#### U. S. Submarine for Pakistan

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\*703. { **Shri Kachhavaia:**  
**Shri Joachim Alva:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that U.S.A. will arm Pakistan with its first submarine;

(b) the calculated danger to India's security by this addition to Pakistan's navy; and

(c) whether Government propose to continue their declared policy neither to manufacture nor to utilise submarines?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Shri D. R. Chavan):**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The addition of this submarine would result in some increase of the offensive capability of the Pakistan Navy.

(c) Proposals are under consideration for the purchase of submarines for the Indian Navy for effective anti-submarine training of our surface fleet.

**श्री कछवाय :** अभी मन्त्री महोदय ने जो अंग्रेजी में मेरे मूल प्रश्न का उत्तर दिया है मुझे उसे हिन्दी में समझा दिया जाय ।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** तजवीज है उस पर गौर किया जा रहा है कि हम ऐसी चीज हासिल करें और ऐसी चीज इंडियन नैवी के लिए बनायें ।

**श्री कछवाय :** इस स्थिति को देखते हुए जबकि हमारे देश पर शत्रु मंडरा रहा है तो जल्दी से जल्दी और क्या सरकार ज्यादा तादाद में अमरीका से पनडुब्बी खरीदने का कोई विचार कर रही है ?