

**Mr. Speaker:** That is for consideration.

**Shri M. R. Krishna:** The Prime Minister has just said that there was no proposal from the industrialists, nor did he give any definite view about anything. May I know whether the Prime Minister will in future avoid meetings in which no decisions are taken?

**Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri:** It is not possible. I do meet people and I do meet deputations with whom I have a general exchange of views.

**Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:** The reports appearing in the papers indicated that all the industrialists had first a meeting with the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister and then two of them, rather the two princes among the industrialists, had a separate meeting with the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister. Did they put separate proposals in the first meeting and the second meeting?

**Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri:** No, Sir; they met for separate matters altogether when they met separately.

**Shri Basappa:** May I know whether any steps are being taken to streamline the Government procedures and, if so, what are they?

**Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri:** I have met the Secretaries of the economic ministries and I have asked them to examine how delays could be avoided. They have already taken certain steps but something more will have to be done.

**Shri Ranga:** It is not that the Prime Minister had met them; it is they who met the Prime Minister.

**Mr. Speaker:** That is all right. Next question.

### Second Afro-Asian Conference

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Shrimati Savitri Nigam:  
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Harish Chandra  
Mathur:

Shri Surendra Pal Singh:  
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri Hem Barua:  
Shri Hukam Chand  
Kachhavaia:  
Shri Bade:  
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:  
Shri M. R. Krishna:  
\*369. Shri Kolla Venkaiiah:  
Shri M. N. Swamy:  
Shrimati Renuka Ray:  
Dr. Ranen Sen:  
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:  
Shri P. L. Barupal:  
Shri Surya Prasad:  
Shri P. K. Deo:  
Shri Kapur Singh:  
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Second Afro-Asian Conference is opening in Algiers in March, 1965;

(b) if so, the number of countries likely to participate in this conference;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India is considering to move a proposal for Russia and Malaysia to participate in the conference; and

(d) the main proposals to be discussed at this Conference?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh):** (a) It has been proposed that the Conference should commence in Algiers from the 29th June, 1965, preceded by a meeting of Foreign Ministers to be held from 24th June.

(b) It is expected that invitations will be sent to between 64 and 66 independent nations. It will be for each country to make its own decision regarding participation.

(c) India proposed the participation of USSR and Malaysia in the Conference at the Preparatory Meeting held in Djakarta in April, 1964. The meeting was unable to come to a decision

on these issues and the question, therefore, remains open to be decided.

(d) The Conference is expected to consider the Agenda drafted by the Preparatory Meeting in Djakarta last year. The Agenda is in the final communique of the Preparatory Meeting tabled in the Lok Sabha on the 17th April, 1964.

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** Is Government aware if China has been issued an invitation or not? May I also know if some points on the agenda were proposed by the Indian Government and if so, what are they?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** We have discussed the agenda separately in the last session of the Lok Sabha. Regarding the invitation to China, China was a member of the preparatory committee and will certainly be invited.

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** May I know whether the creation of the non-nuclear zone has been one of the points in the agenda and what are the countries which had supported the specific point?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** The agenda has been placed on the Table.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** Why is it that this Conference goes on being postponed from month to month and what guarantee is there that this conference would be held in June? What are the reasons for the delay and who are holding up the convening of this conference?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** I would not say that it is being postponed from month to month. It was proposed to be held in March. Physical arrangements had not been completed and it will probably be held in June.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** I want to know whether the hon. Prime Minister has given personal consideration to this matter or not: to what extent is the Government of India prepared to go in the matter of participation by Russia in this conference and are they prepared to stay out if

a legitimate demand made by India is not accepted?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** No, Sir. We have not so far taken that stand. But we will see and watch as to what the reactions of the other countries are.

**Shri Surendra Pal Singh:** Our Deputy Minister of External Affairs visited a number of African countries recently. May I know whether he made any assessment of the views and feelings of those countries regarding the matter of participation of Russia and Malaysia in this Conference and, if so, what was his assessment?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** Yes, I had the opportunity of discussing this matter with some of the people I met. It would be difficult for me to give precisely the details of discussion, but I think there is quite a favourable response both about Malaysia and the Soviet Union; although the two are separate issues—Malaysia and the Soviet Union are not exactly on the same basis—there is support for both.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Community Listening Sets

\*310. { Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:  
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study team on Five Year Plan Publicity has reported that the Community Listening sets supplied to the States/Union Territories have remained idle to the tune of 40 per cent; and

(b) if so, the steps taken for fuller utilisation of these sets?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indira Gandhi):** (a) Yes, Sir.