

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.

(b) The maintenance and operation of community listening sets is the responsibility of State Governments. However, full details in regard to the maintenance organisation in each State are being collected with a view to locating the lacunae in the existing set-up to decide suitable remedial measures.

Modernisation of Mazagaon Docks

*311. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri R. G. Dubey:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Surendra Paj Singh:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri Heda:
Shri D. D. Puri:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri A. V. Raghavan:
Shri Pottekkatt:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether technical details about the Navy's plans for modernisation of the Mazagaon dockyard and the building of frigates were discussed by the Defence Ministry with the representatives of several British firms during December, 1964; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Discussions were held with representatives of Vickers Armstrongs (Shipbuilders) Ltd. and Yarrow & Co. Ltd., both of U.K., from 17th to 22nd December 1964 for the finalisation of the Agreement for the construction of Frigates at Mazagaon Dock Limited, Bombay.

(b) The following three Agreements were signed on 22-12-1964:

- (i) For the supply of Technical Aid for the construction of three Leander Class Frigates FSA-34 in India;
- (ii) For the supply of items of Vickers-Yarrow manufacture for the first Frigate;
- (iii) For the purchase of wholly brought out items from the U.K.

Pak-Firing on U.N. Observers

*312. { Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavaia:
Shri Heda:
Shri P. H. Bheel:
Shri Solanki:
Shri Ulkey:
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Naval Prabhakar:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Radhelal Vyas:
Shri D. N. Tiwary:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Narendra Singh
Mahida:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri R. S. Pandey:
Dr. Chandrabhan Singh:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that Pakistani troops fired on a team of U.N. Military Observers in the Poonch area on the 28th December, 1964; and

(b) if so, the action taken to prevent such incidents?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) U. N. Military Observers do not carry any arms. Their uniform, with