

World Muslim Conference

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 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 Shri K. N. Tiwary:
 Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
 Shri P. H. Bheel:
 Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
 Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
 Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:
 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
 Shri Indrajit Gupta:
 Shri U. M. Trivedi:
 Shri Inder J. Malhotra:
 Shri Hukam Chand
 Kachhavaia:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) the composition of the Indian delegation to the World Muslim Conference held in Mogadiscio (Somalia) in December, 1964;

(b) whether it is a fact that the delegation had to withdraw from the Conference;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d), who bore the expenses on this delegation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) The Indian delegation comprised Shri Sayed Ali Mohamed Tariq, Minister in the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir and Shri Ahmed Mehdi, M.P.

(b), and (c). The Indian delegation went to attend the World Muslim Conference in Somalia at the invitation of the Government of Somalia. A procedural question was raised at the Conference contending that the Government of Somalia had no authority to invite any delegation and the invitation could be issued only from the Secretariat of the Conference. At this stage the Indian delegation decided to withdraw to avoid embarrassment to the friendly Government of Somalia.

(d) Government of India made some contribution towards the travel expenses.

Nuclear Shield for Afro-Asian Countries

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 Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri K. N. Tiwary:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 Shri Sivamurthi Swamy:
 Shri Brajeshwar Prasad:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Roy:
 Shri D. N. Tiwary:
 Shri P. K. Deo:
 Shri Kapur Singh:
 Shri P. K. Ghosh:
 Shri Kolla Venkaiah:
 Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governments of Non-Nuclear countries of Asia and Africa have been sounded with regard to the proposal or suggestion made to the British Prime Minister during the Prime Minister's recent visit to London regarding the joint guarantee of a nuclear shield by the Western nuclear powers and U.S.S.R. for the Afro-Asian Non-Nuclear nations; and

(b) if so, their reactions thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) The Prime Minister had only posed a problem generally and stated that unless the main nuclear powers found some way of re-assuring the non-nuclear powers about their safety, the risk of proliferation was great and that, therefore, the nuclear Powers who were also in favour of the policy of non-proliferation should consider the matter and find ways and means of assuring the non-nuclear Powers of their safety. No specific proposals for a joint nuclear guarantee or shield were made in this regard. The non-nuclear countries of Asia and Africa have not been approached on this question.