

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that countries concerned failed to oblige India; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan

- *661. **Shri Heda:**
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Warrior:
Shri Daji:
Shri D. D. Puri:
Shri R. Barua:
Shri Brij Raj Singh:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 297 on the 30th August, 1965 and state:

(a) whether Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan has accepted the invitation extended to him by the Government of India to visit India; and

(b) if not, the reasons for his refusal?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan has agreed to come to India when a suitable opportunity presents itself.

(b) Does not arise.

Viet-Nam Conflict

- *662. **Shri R. S. Pandey:**
Shri Rajeshwar Patel:
Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:
Shri R. Barua:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any initiative to resolve the Viet-Nam conflict; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). The Government of India have been in contact with friendly countries who are concerned with the situation in Vietnam. The situation in Vietnam continues to be serious.

King of Afghanistan's Reported Message to President Ayub of Pakistan

*663. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any official confirmation, or otherwise, about the communication stated by the Pakistan Foreign Minister in the U.N. General Assembly to have been sent by the King of Afghanistan to President Ayub of Pakistan assuring his support to Pakistan against India in the present conflict, and

(b) what is Government's precise information in this regard?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). The Indian Ambassador in Kabul has been assured by the Director General of the Afghan Foreign Office that His Majesty the King of Afghanistan did not give any assurance, written or verbal, of Afghan support to Pakistan against India.

Poison in Food of N.C.C. Cadets

- *664. **Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:**
Shri Bishuti Mishra:
Shri N. P. Yadav:
Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Hukam Chand Kachhvaliya:
Shri Bade:
Shri Yudhvir Singh:
Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was an attempt to poison the food prepared for 600