

transmitters, to acquire land, and equipment and to construct buildings. It will not be in public interest to give details of the stage of progress of these transmitters in the border areas.

#### Interpretation of Tashkent Declaration

\*132. **Shrimati Savitri Nigam:**  
**Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:**  
**Shri Bagri:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:**  
**Shri S. M. Banerjee:**  
**Shri Daji:**  
**Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:**

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has given a new challenge to the Tashkent Pact by saying that Kashmir is not a part of India; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) In one of their notes, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan Government have stated that, according to them, it is not a fact that Jammu and Kashmir is a constituent State of the Indian Union.

(b) Government have conveyed to the Government of Pakistan that the latter's views and opinions on the subject are not sustainable in law and fact. Government have rejected these views and opinions.

The Notes exchanged between the Government of Pakistan and the Government of India in this connection are placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-7230/66].

#### Chinese Explosions

\*133. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:**  
**Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**  
**Shri K. N. Tiwary:**

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether since after China exploded the Atom Bomb and is going

on to do so one after the other, any assessment of the reactions this has produced among the countries bordering on China has been made;

(b) if so, the result of such an assessment;

(c) the latest position with regard to the opinions that prevail in these countries regarding the making of nuclear bombs;

(d) whether there has been any change in their attitude since the explosion of bombs by China; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the Chinese progress towards nuclear armament has created a feeling of fear in some of the countries bordering China and now their foreign policies are being influenced by such fear?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As signatories to the Moscow Partial Test Ban Treaty, most of China's neighbours have been unhappy at her defiance of world opinion. While there is no indication of undue concern or nervousness, the latest nuclear test explosion by guided missiles has brought home to Asian countries towards whom China is hostile, the increased menace from China. Only North Vietnam, North Korea and Cambodia welcomed China's nuclear explosions.

(c) There was some talk in Indonesia in 1964 and 1965 about a proposal to manufacture a nuclear bomb. No further information however is available. No other Government in the area has expressed any intention of making such a bomb.

(d) Most countries in the region are fully aware of the military as well as political threat from China. There is no evidence of any change of their attitude.

(e) Government has no specific information on this point beyond the