

Boundary between China and Bhutan

***261. Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Kindar Lal:**

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

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the Communist Chinese claim that the boundary between China and Bhutan was a matter for China and Bhutan to settle;

(b) if so, the position of Government in this respect; and

(c) whether Government have taken steps to apprise friendly foreign Governments of these developments and if so, with what effect?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Treaty of 1949 between India and Bhutan, the Government of Bhutan agreed to be guided in its external relations by the advice of the Government of India. The Chinese Government had recognised this position as evidenced by Prime Minister Chou En-lai's statement at a press conference in New Delhi on April 25, 1960 that "China respects the relations between India and Sikkim and Bhutan".

Government regret that the Government of People's Republic of China should want to undermine the traditional relations between Bhutan and India which are happily so close and friendly.

(c) Friendly Governments have been kept informed of these developments in the normal course and they appreciate our stand.

Nuclear Guided Missile Explosion by China

***262. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri D. C. Sharma:**

**Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Kindar Lal:
Shri Nath Pai:**

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the nature of recent explosion of guided missile with Nuclear-head by China;

(b) the implications of this development and effective steps proposed to be taken by Government to allay fears from this threat; and

(c) Government's reaction to U.S.A.'s proposal for safety of non-nuclear powers?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) Yes, Sir. The explosion was detected by our own devices when it took place. Samples of radioactive material collected from our aircraft indicate that the main radioactive cloud was carried eastwards reaching over Japan in about 36 to 48 hours.

(b) This development has not come as a surprise to us. China's policy of manufacturing nuclear weapons poses a grave danger not only to us but to the whole of Asia, and indeed the world.

As has already been announced, the Chiefs of Staff Committee are making a full study of the implication of Chinese nuclear capacity on our own defences.

(c) Government are not aware of any specific U.S. proposal for the safety of non-nuclear powers.

Use of Toxic Chemicals by Americans in Vietnam

***263. Shri H. N. Mukerjee,
Dr. Ranen Sen:**

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

(a) whether North Vietnam has lodged any complaint with the International Control Commission in