

Arab country. There has therefore, been no occasion to lodge any protest but the Government have drawn the attention of the Arab countries as of others to the danger inherent in the massive arms build-up by Pakistan to peace and security in the sub-continent.

#### **Wrong Delineation of Indian Territory in Russian and U.S.A. Maps**

\*411. **Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:**  
**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:**  
**Shri Hem Barua:**

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

(a) whether any political maps have been published by the Soviet Union and in the U.S.A. which are not in conformity with the political map of India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the map published by the Soviet Union had shown NEFA as Chinese territory and whether the American map published by the National Geographic Association has shown Kashmir as a disputed territory and these maps are being circulated and sold all over the world; and

(c) whether Government have drawn the attention of the respective Governments to these maps and urged them for the withdrawal of the same?

**The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla):** (a) to (c). The Geodesy and Map Department of the Geological Committee of the USSR has published world political maps which are in circulation and on sale in different countries, which are not in conformity with the political map of India in that they show NEFA as Chinese territory. The attention of the Government of the USSR has been drawn to this inaccuracy with the request that it be corrected.

In the U.S.A., various publishers including the National Geographic Society have put out maps which are in circulation and on sale in different countries and which are not in conformity with the political map of

India. Indian officials have pointed out to the National Geographic Society that their 1966 World Atlas shows the territories and frontiers of India wrongly in various respects, describing Jammu and Kashmir as a disputed State. The Society has been furnished full details regarding the correct position. While they have agreed to examine the material, they have also taken the stand that their policy is to show territories and frontiers over which there are disputes as such. This case has also been brought to the attention of the U.S. Government. In fact, whenever erroneous American maps have come to the Government of India's attention they have been taken up with the publishers and, where necessary, with the U.S. Government. The latter have noted the Indian position. In respect of private publishers, however, they have pointed out that they have no authority to act. Some of the private publishers have made corrections on the basis of the facts put forward by us, others have not done so, maintaining their right to show that contrary claims exist, or have not replied. Such cases are being pursued.

#### **Meeting of Indian and Japanese Officials**

\*412. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Indian and Japanese Foreign officials was held in Tokyo on the 28th October, 1966 to review regional problems in pursuance of an agreement between the two countries for a periodical review of international issues of common interest; and

(b) if so, the issues discussed and the out-come thereof?

**The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla):** (a) and (b). Yes Sir. Among the subjects discussed were the current situation in the world, particularly in Asia and Africa, disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and Indo-Japanese bilateral relations. The discussions

have contributed to better understanding of each other's view point on matters of common interest and to the strengthening of existing friendly relations between the two countries.

**सिंगापुर के प्रधान मंत्री के वक्तव्य**

\*413. श्री मधु लिमये : क्या बंदेशिक का मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने भारत में सिंगापुर के प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा दिये गये वक्तव्यों में व्यक्त इस सुझाव पर विचार कर लिया है कि भारत को एशियाई मामलों में अधिक योगदान देना चाहिये;

(ख) क्या इस बात को दृष्टि में रखते हुए सरकार ने अन्य एशियाई देशों से सम्पर्क स्थापित करने के लिये व्यापक कार्यक्रम तैयार किया है; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो इस के उद्देश्य क्या हैं और यदि नहीं, तो इस के क्या कारण हैं ?

बंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री विनेश सिंह) : (क) भारत एशिया महाद्वीप का एक अंग है और एशियाई मामलों में विशेष दिलचस्पी रखता है ।

(ख) और (ग) भारत सरकार आर्थिक तथा सांस्कृतिक क्षेत्र में एशियाई देशों के बीच ठोस क्षेत्रीय सहयोग के पक्ष में है । वह इकाफे, कोलंबो योजना जैसे संगठनों के माध्यम से पहले ही द्विपक्षीय और बहुपक्षीय आधार पर ऐसा सहयोग दे रही है ।

**Release of Shri Mohan Ranade**

\*414. Shri Alvares:  
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any efforts to secure the release of Shri Mohan Ranade from the Portuguese prison; and

(b) if so, the nature of efforts made and the response thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) and (b). All possible efforts have been and continue to be made for Shri Mohan Laxman Ranade's release, through diplomatic channels. The International Committee of the Red Cross also took up the matter with the Government of Portugal. These efforts have not met with any success so far in persuading the Portuguese authorities to release Shri Ranade.

**Help to South Vietnam**

\*415. Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of publicity pamphlets being put out in certain countries about India being one among thirty-five or so countries that are despatching help to South Vietnam;

(b) whether it is a fact that such help is being despatched;

(c) if so, the items that are being despatched and their quantity; and

(d) whether any help is being sent like-wise to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The report is not correct. The Government of India are not despatching any help to either the Republic of Vietnam or the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

**Army Strength of Pakistan**

\*416. Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:  
Shri E. Barua:  
Shri Lilaadhar Kotaki:  
Shri N. E. Laskar: