

three lives, but this was not due to flooding caused by rains.

(b) and (c). A statement showing measures already taken, and proposed to be taken, is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 67.]

Shri P. C. Bose: Are the Government aware that the usual posters and pictorial hand-bills on accidents are not being pasted in the coal mines according to the regulations of the I.L.O.?

Shri V. V. Giri: I take the information from the hon. Member and shall communicate it to the Chief Inspector of Mines.

TUBE-WELLS IN NORTH GUJERAT

*436. **Dr. Amin:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what are the terms on which loan has been given to Bombay State for the construction of 400 tube-wells in North Gujerat?

(b) What amount has been returned by the Bombay State out of this loan?

(c) What is the rate of interest which will be charged to Bombay State on this loan?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishappa): (a) Repayment in 15 equated annual instalments of principal with interest, the first instalment starting from 1952-53.

(b) Rs. 2,03,504/- plus interest Rs. 1.5 lakhs.

(c) 3½ per cent.

Dr. Amin: May I know what was the amount advanced to the National Tube-well Company by the Bombay State out of the loan advanced by the Centre?

Shri M. V. Krishappa: We have advanced Rs. 40 lakhs to the Bombay Government and according to our figures they have advanced about Rs. 11 lakhs as loan to this company.

Shri Gidwanji: Are the Government aware that the company...

Mr. Speaker: The question-hour is over.

Short Notice Question and Answer PAKISTAN-U.S.A. MILITARY ALLIANCE (NEGOTIATIONS)

SNQ 2. Shri L. N. Mishra: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the latest statement of the U. S. President regarding the proposed U. S.-Pakistan military alliance; and

(b) if so, what steps do Government propose to take in order to allay the serious misgivings and concern created in India by it?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). Yes. Government have seen press reports of a statement made by the President of the United States which state that "the question of military aid and bases were not discussed in detail when he met the Pakistan Governor-General recently." This statement indicates that the subject was discussed but not in detail. A number of other statements have also been made on this subject by responsible statesmen in the United States and in Pakistan. The U. S. Secretary of State stated that the U.S.A. were not at present negotiating with Pakistan either a military aid agreement or an agreement to establish U. S. bases in Pakistan territory. He added, however, that he did not rule out the possibility that the U.S.A. might make a military aid agreement with Pakistan in future. The Governor General of Pakistan has stated that reports that Pakistan was negotiating with the U. S. A. for military help in return for the provision of bases were "absolutely unfounded and baseless".

Certain influential and responsible newspapers and periodicals in the United States have written specifically and authoritatively on the subject

of military aid being given by the U.S. to Pakistan and U.S. bases being established in Pakistan.

These varied statements are somewhat contradictory. They would indicate that this matter has been under discussion between the Governments of Pakistan and U.S.A. for sometime past, though no decisions have been arrived at.

The Government of India have clearly stated that they view any such developments with grave concern. Any further steps would depend on such developments as might take place.

Shri L. N. Mishra: May I know whether it is a fact that a Conference of the Greek, Turkish and American officers, in which the Commander-in-Chief and Defence Secretary of Pakistan were also present, was held in September last at Izmir, the Headquarters of South-Eastern European Wing of NATO and whether preliminaries of this military alliance were worked out in that conference?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not know, Sir.

Shri L. N. Mishra: Do the Government of India propose to take up this matter direct with Pakistan, since this alliance, when materialises, may disturb the good neighbourly relationship of the two countries?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have stated, Sir, that we shall take such steps as Government considers necessary according to developments as they take place.

Sardar A. S. Saigal: May I know, Sir, whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the statement made by Mr. Emanuel Celler, Member of the United States House of Representatives in Karachi yesterday that economic aid to Pakistan by United States of America did not preclude military help? How does this reconcile with the statement made by the hon. Prime Minister?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I am asked to reconcile myself with other people's statements! I have not seen that statement.

Shri Syed Ahmed: Is this question likely to figure in the talks which the Prime Minister is likely to have with Shri Nixon?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: The Vice-President of the United States has not come here for any formal talks on any subject. I do not quite know what subjects he would like to discuss with us. There is no agenda for discussion or any formality about it. So, I cannot say exactly what he will discuss with us.

Shri Gidwani: Has the attention of Government been drawn to a PTI message from New York, dated the 29th November published in the Hindustan Times this morning to the effect that "Pakistan was deterred from pushing the pact in question because India "may threaten" to end the current Washington talks between India and Pakistan on Indian waters?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have not personally seen that message, Sir. I have nothing to say about messages like that.

Shri T. K. Chandhuri: Has the attention of the Prime Minister been drawn to the news message from Washington, dated the 16th November, "Authoritative sources in Washington stated that the United States would inform India in advance if she decided to send military aid to Pakistan"? If so, has he received any official intimation of the talks from United States sources or has he obtained any information on such talks from our own diplomatic missions in Washington and Karachi?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have seen the message in the press, to which the hon. Member has referred. I have seen reports from our Ambassador in Washington about certain talks he had there. We are receiving continual reports of talks informally from various heads of missions of ours on

this subject. It is difficult for me to go into details as to what it refers.

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: Has he received any reports from our Mission in Karachi?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Speaking off-hand, we have, of course, received reports. But I do not quite know what the hon. Member refers to. We sometimes receive reports every day.

Shri V. G. Deshpande: Do Government of India propose to make a change in its policy of neutrality in view of these developments?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: The Government of India feel that their policy of neutrality has been confirmed and strengthened by all such developments.

Dr. Ianka Sundaram: May I know, Sir, whether the Government of India have sent any formal communication to the United States Government indicating the apprehensions expressed by the Prime Minister in the Press Conference on the 15th of this month?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not quite know what the hon. Member means by a formal communication. But, using that word in the technical sense, we have not sent any formal communication. But informally we have been in touch with various Governments.

Shri Murganad Saha: May I know against which particular enemy Pakistan is seeking military aid from the United States?

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN IN DELHI

*365. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for the establishment of a Wild Life Park near Purana Quila in New Delhi has been finalised;

(b) if so, what are the important features of the scheme; and

(c) what is the estimated recurring and non-recurring expenditure involved in the scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):

(a) Not yet.

(b) The important features of the scheme under consideration are:—

(i) to provide amenities to the citizens of the growing city of Delhi,

(ii) as the zoo is to be developed somewhat along the line of the Whipsnade Park near London, the special feature would be that visitors, rather than the animals would appear to be in a cage.

(c) The total estimated recurring and non-recurring expenditure would be in the neighbourhood of Rs. 10 lakhs spread over a period of five years.

CONFERENCE OF GENERAL MANAGERS

*396. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the important subjects discussed and considered at the recent Conference of the General Managers of all the Railways; and

(b) whether any decisions were arrived at?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). At the Conference of General Managers of Railways held in September last, a number of matters were discussed including questions relating to traffic trends and steps to increase earnings, staff problems, increased use of Khadi, planning for future requirements of railways and some aspects of Re-grouping and certain decisions were arrived at.