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LOK SABHA

Monday, 23rd August, 1954.

*The Lok Sabha met at a Quarter
Past Eight of the Clock.*

**MR. SPEAKER (SHRI G. V. MAVALAN-
KAR) in the Chair]**

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

U.N. COMMISSION ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

***1. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.N. Commission of Inquiry on the racial discrimination in South Africa has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, whether it has been considered by Government?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs. (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) The U.N. Commission submitted its first report to the General Assembly at its Eight Session held in 1953. The Commission will submit another report to the General Assembly in the forthcoming Ninth Session which is due to commence from the 21st September, 1954.

(b) The first report of the Commission was duly considered by the Government of India and it was also discussed in the Eighth Session of the U. N. General Assembly.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what action the Government of India propose to take so far as the extension of racial discrimination in South Africa is concerned?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan : Suitable action, no doubt.

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Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if the racial discrimination problem in all its branches and in all its ramifications, has been studied by the Asian-Arab group and what their reactions are to this?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: Yes, Sir, I should say so.

Shri D. C. Sharma : May I know what action the Government of India propose to take in view of the fact that South Africa refused to co-operate with this Commission which was set up by the U. N.?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Defence. (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The hon. Member is raising very deep questions which cannot be answered even in the course of a big debate, much less in answer to a question.

Mr. Speaker: I am going to the next question.

BORDER INCIDENT

***2. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exchange of fire took place between Indian and Pakistani police patrols in the third week of June, 1954 in the border village of Pulkanjri in East Punjab;

(b) if so, how long did that firing continue;

(c) the number of Indians who were victims of that firing; and

(d) the cause of that firing?