

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Finance (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru)** : There has been continuous correspondence on this issue, rather at long distances. A letter goes; a few months later the reply comes and there the matter is.

**Shri Gidwani** : Was there any reply to your letter? That is what I wanted to know.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru** : I think there was reply in the sense that this factor is mentioned in some other letter.

**Shri B. S. Murthy** : May I know whether there is any remedy to prevent Pakistan from printing its maps including this area as well as some other areas?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru** : I am not aware of any peaceful remedy except to point out the error of their ways.

### Chitral

**\*1061. Sardar Iqbal Singh** : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the old records of political Department in Delhi and Regency record at Srinagar have shown Chitral and other principalities under the complete suzerainty of Kashmir Maharaja and Kashmir Government.

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Finance (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru)** : The records show that Jammu and Kashmir State exercised suzerainty over Chitral and the principalities in the Gilgit Agency.

**Sardar Iqbal Singh** : May I know whether it is a fact that according to the Treaty of 1878, the Mehtar of Chitral had surrendered his defence and external affairs to the Ruler or Maharaja of Kashmir?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru** : That is one of the records; there are many others.

**Sardar Iqbal Singh** : May I know whether it is a fact that when in 1895 Umra Khan invaded Chitral, it was the Ruler of Kashmir who had defended Chitral and not any others?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru** : The hon. Member is asking me a question of great detail. If I say 'yes', I am committed to every single detail that he says. I could not also answer detailed questions in this way, but there are many old records to show that the Kashmir State exercised suzerainty over Chitral.

**Sardar Iqbal Singh** : May I know whether Government is aware of the fact that Chitral has been incorporated within West Pakistan and whether Government has taken any steps in this regard?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru** : I am not aware of its incorporation in that sense, but I believe that Chitral is mentioned in their new Constitution—in that sense, it is presumably meant to be incorporated. Except for pointing out again the wrongness of this, we can take no other step.

**Shri Brajeshwar Prasad** : Is it a fact that the sponsors of the Pakhtoonistan Movement have included Chitral within the zone of Pakhtoonistan.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru** : I do not know exactly what areas are supposed to be comprised in the Pakhtoonistan Movement. I believe it has been claimed by some that it is part of that, but no strict areas have been defined so far as I know.

**Shri Brajeshwar Prasad** : What will be the attitude of the Government if attempt is made by some foreign power to snatch away Chitral from Pakistan?

### Broadcasts for Scheduled Areas

**\*1064. Shri Jaipal Singh** : Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the special programmes, if any, broadcast for the Scheduled Areas;

(b) the qualifications of the personnel in charge of the programmes; and

(c) the languages in which the broadcasts are made?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Kekar)** : (a) and (c). Special programmes arranged at a studio maintained for this purpose at Shillong are broadcast from Gauhati in Garo and Khasi jaintia. Items of special interest to Scheduled Tribes are included in the rural programmes in regional languages broadcast from all India Radio Stations which provide coverage for tribal areas. At present transmitters are being installed at Gauhati, Ranchi and Bhopal for giving special programmes to the tribal people in their own languages for the area in Assam and NEFA, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh respectively.

(b) *Ad hoc* assignments are given to specialists for preparing such programmes. Arrangements for recruiting regular staff and also Producers who will prepare such programmes especially on a permanent basis are at present in hand.

**Shri Jaipal Singh** : May I know how many of the tribal languages are covered by this?

**Dr. Kekar** : The number of tribal dialects is so large that it will be very difficult for me to reply offhand. So, I will require notice.