

### Nuclear Tests

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\*387. { Shri H. N. Mukerjee:  
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are in contemplation for initiating, in consultation with the Bandung Powers or otherwise, a special drive for securing renunciation by all Powers of nuclear experiments for warlike purposes; and

(b) whether his recent suggestion of a summit conference of the leaders of the relevant Powers has been followed up by official action at any level?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) No.

(b) The suggestion for a summit conference of the Great Powers has not been pursued at an official level.

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** May I know if in view of the Pope having expressed himself against nuclear war preparations Government has found out from our representative at the Vatican any possibilities regarding reinforcing at Government level the international effort against nuclear warfare?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** A little while ago I referred to this matter—that we have done, I think, enough to inform the world of the strong feeling in this country on the subject. We have also been constantly mentioning this fact to the representatives of other Governments here and on Foreign Missions. I do not quite know what more is necessary unless the hon. Member wants to know if we have asked for a Conference. We have not done that.

**Shri Hem Barua:** In view of the fact that some of the U.K. statements say that nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons are a deterrent to war, may I know if our hon. Prime Minister is going to explain the other side of the

picture as adumbrated in the Resolution passed by this House?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** To whom and where?

**Shri Hem Barua:** To U.K. at the Commonwealth Conference.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** What is the other side of the picture?

**Shri Hem Barua:** We say it is to be banned as these nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons do destruction; that is our feeling. At the same time, the U.K. statesmen are announcing that these weapons are deterrent to war. May I know if our Government is going to explain to them that they are not deterrent but an invitation to war?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Member wants to know whether the Prime Minister will take up this matter when he attends the Commonwealth Premiers' Conference.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I do not know whether and how I shall take it up. But our views are constantly made known at every level on this matter.

### Improvement of Malnad Area

\*388. **Shri Wodeyar:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation or proposals for the improvement of Malnad area in Mysore State;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the climatic and geographical conditions in Malnad require a separate and exclusive system of planning; and

(c) whether Government are aware that on account of the paucity of means of transport and communication Malnad is lacking behind in progress?

**The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra):** (a) There has been no recent representation on the subject.