

Shri Y. B. Chavan: I think that is what it is meant for.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware that in some States, the children of the families of the lost or missing army personnel are in a very bad way, and if so, what special relief has been extended by the Central Government to these people in the various States?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: As far as the Central Government are concerned, under their own rules, they are being given certainly some concessions. As for what the State Governments are doing, I have got information about some States. But in some States where such things are not available, if complaints are received, we invite the attention of the State Governments to those conditions, and if possible we ourselves do something about it.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Have Government practically no responsibility towards such personnel? Will they consider that they have also some responsibility to them and will they discharge it as effectively as possible.

Shri Y. B. Chavan: I think it is certainly the responsibility of the Central Government. But in addition to that, some State Governments are doing it and we welcome it.

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि सरकार के पास कोई ऐसे आंकड़े हैं कि जिन सैनिकों के सम्बन्ध में यह प्रश्न है उन की संख्या कितनी है ।

Shri D. R. Chavan: The total number of missing personnel is about 1698.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Have Government considered the unfairness of giving 45 per cent of the pay to the families of the officers and soldiers who are missing actually on national duty, and have they considered the possibility of treating them as being in service and, therefore, of giving them full pay on the basis of rank?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: This is another suggestion. It can be considered.

श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धान्ती: यह जो आंकड़े बतलाये गये हैं उन में पंजाब के सैनिकों की संख्या कितनी है ।

Shri D. R. Chavan: It will not be possible to give the number of personnel from the Punjab.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : अभी तक जिन लोगों के बारे में सरकार कंफर्म कर चुकी है कि वे युद्ध स्थल में मारे गये हैं और जिन के घर पर डिफेंस डिपार्टमेंट या सिविल के कोई डिप्टी कमिश्नर बं रह नहीं पहुँचे हैं उन के लिये सरकार क्या कर रही है । मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि कितने ऐसे परिवार हैं जिन के यहाँ जा कर सरकार अभी सात्वना नहीं दे सकी है ।

Shri Y. B. Chavan: I think we have reached practically every family.

Shri D. J. Naik: Are all educational facilities provided to the sons and daughters of these missing personnel?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: As far as we are concerned, we give them some educational allowance per child depending on eligibility. But even some States are making some special efforts for giving them educational facilities.

Conference of Non-Aligned Nations

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

(a) whether Government of India have been invited to attend a meeting of envoys called in Colombo on the 23rd March, 1964 to prepare the ground for the second conference of non-aligned nations to be held later this year; and

(b) whether the invitation has been accepted and if so, who will represent India at the meeting?

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

(b) The Government of India have accepted the invitation. The composition of the Indian delegation is under consideration.

Shri D. C. Sharma: At what level will Government compose the delegation—whether it will consist only of envoys or it will be at the ministerial level?

Shri Dinesh Singh: As the hon. Member is aware, the meeting is going to be held at the ambassadorial level.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Have Government received any intimation about the agenda that is to be discussed there? If so, what are the broad items thereon?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): It is not an agenda which has been drawn up which they will consider. It is a preliminary meeting to draw up an agenda for the higher conference.

श्री किशन पटनायक : क्या इस डेलिगेशन में भी जैसा कि केन्या के डेलिगेशन में हुआ था नेता हो कर प्रधान मंत्री के कोई रिश्तेदार जायेंगे ।

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: This remark should be expunged or withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Kamath.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: This, I believe, is a Belgrade-type conference. Is it a fact that the Government has received an invitation from the Indonesian Government to attend a Foreign Ministers' conference preparatory to a Bandung-type conference there very shortly? If so, in view of the declared and well known opposition of Government to a Bandung-type conference, what has been the reaction of Government to that invitation?

Shri Dinesh Singh: Government has received an invitation. As I had explained in this House some time

back, there was no question of our opposition to a Bandung-type conference . . .

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Objection.

Shri Dinesh Singh: We had only placed before them certain difficulties that we had, and asked them to consider the matter.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: What has been the reaction of Government to that? Has it been accepted or declined?

Shri Dinesh Singh: We shall probably send someone there too.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Has the Government made sure that China will attend that conference or will not attend it?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know how many countries have already indicated their willingness to participate in this non-aligned conference, and to what extent the number has increased from the last conference?

Shri Dinesh Singh: Those countries which attended the conference at Belgrade alone have been invited to the preliminary meeting. There were 25 countries which attended there, and we believe about 20 have already accepted the invitation to go to Colombo.

Dr. Ranen Sen: May I know whether it is a fact that Marshal Tito has written to the Government of India to hold a preliminary Foreign Ministers' conference before this second Belgrade conference; if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India?

Shri Dinesh Singh: This matter will have to be decided by the preliminary meeting.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that it is said that this Bandung-type conference is going to be a ground for strife, where there would be a lot of propaganda by China and

Pakistan against India, may I know whether Government have decided to sit at the same table with China at this Conference?

Shri Dinesh Singh: We understand from newspaper reports that China has not been invited to this conference so far.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Not now, later on they will be invited to the summit meeting.

Shri Hem Barua: The Minister has said that they have come to know from newspaper reports certain things. We have also come to know that China has not been invited, but the question is whether they are posted with that information that China is not going to be invited, and therefore, there can be no objection to participation in this conference.

Shri Dinesh Singh: The participation of India has nothing to do with the participation of China. China is also an Asian country.

Mr. Speaker: The question is: if China is also invited, is India prepared to sit at the same table with China at such a conference?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Yes, it may be, depending on various circumstances.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: We only heard "yes".

Mr. Speaker: It may be.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Is it the Prime Minister who is speaking here? It may be.

Mr. Speaker: For the present, the Minister has said they have no information excepting the newspaper reports.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: My colleague's question was whether Government had decided to sit at the same table with China. He says: it may be.

Mr. Speaker: How can a decision be just disclosed when it is not known whether China would be there or not?

Shri Ranga: Why is it that Government have agreed in advance to attend either the one or the other or both the conferences without first ascertaining whether China will be there or not, without even making up their mind whether they want to attend the one or the other or both? Till now they do not seem to have come to any decision whatsoever.

Shri Dinesh Singh: I do not think this is the main issue at all. We have given every consideration to this matter. China, as I was mentioning, is an Asian country.

Mr. Speaker: The question is whether the Government of India have taken a decision without first knowing whether China would also be there or not.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: So far as the Belgrade type of conference is concerned, it is a conference of non-aligned countries, and, therefore, it is presumed that China will not be invited.

Shri Hem Barua: We are talking about the Bandung-type conference.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: They will bear with me for a while. I was referring to Belgrade because Acharya Ranga referred to both. There I said it is clear that the countries which are not non-aligned will not be invited. China as well as Pakistan are supposed to be aligned countries. As for the other, presumably it will include them—it is not clear whether it will or not. I am not sure whether we have sent an answer yet, but the answer will be—in respect of this preliminary meeting,—that we may send some official to attend it. The mere fact that China will also be represented I do not think will affect our decision in that matter.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: On a point of order. The Prime Minister's

answer seems to be clouded by uncertainty and doubt. My hon. colleague's question was definitely whether we would attend irrespective of China attending or not. He says presumably. What does he mean by presumably?

Mr. Speaker: About the presence of China, the Prime Minister says whether it is present or not, it would not affect our decision.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: That is, even if they are present, we will attend? That is surrender to China.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: In view of the statement made by China that she is no longer an aligned nation, what are the chances of China's participation in the Conference of non-aligned nations?

श्री रामसेवक यादव : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरा व्यवस्था का प्रश्न यह है कि अभी प्रधान मंत्री जी ने जो उत्तर दिया वह सुनायी नहीं पड़ा। और वह खड़े होते हैं तो लड़खड़ाते हैं। क्या यह मदन की मर्यादा के अनूकूल है कि एक बीमार प्रधान मंत्री इस तरह से यहां आए और कार्यवाही ठीक से न चल सके, और कब तक

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आर्डर, आर्डर।

श्री शिव नारायण : मैं व्यवस्था . . .

अध्यक्ष महोदय : क्या आपका कोई सप्लीमेंटरी सवाल है ?

श्री शिव नारायण नहीं।
(Interruptions)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : क्या यह कोई लड़ाई हो रही है ?

श्री बागड़ी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, पहले वह दखल देते हैं

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप बैठ जाइए।

श्री रामसेवक यादव : जनमत में कभी भी कोई प्रधान मंत्री या मंत्री इस तरह से

बीमार रह कर काम नहीं कर सकता। तानाशाही और बादशाहत में ऐसा होता है।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : बैठ जाइए।

श्री रामसेवक यादव : आप के कहने से नहीं बैठंगा, आप अध्यक्ष नहीं हैं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप अकेले मुझ को ही कहने दें तो बेहतर होगा, आप झगड़े में न पड़ें।

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Sir, my question has not been answered.

Pakistani Ambush in Kashmir

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*599. { **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by U.N. observers in Kashmir on the complaint lodged by Government about the recent Pakistani ambush of our patrol men; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof, together with the findings and conclusions of their investigation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) The United Nations Military Observers have visited the area and carried out investigations. The award of the Chief Military Observer on our complaint is, however, awaited.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: As a sequel to this, is it a fact that the Chief U.N. military observer in Kashmir asked for guarantee or safety to the U.N. personnel posted in the forward areas in Kashmir and, if so, is it a fact that our Government readily agreed to that, while the Pakistan Government refused? Has the matter