

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir, the Government are carefully studying the possible motivations of Chinese in deliberately causing a crisis with India at this time.

(b) It would be premature to form any firm conclusions on this. The current crisis marks only another stage in China's consistently anti-Indian policies in recent years.

Manufacture of Warships and Submarines

5109. Shri Shiva Chandra Jha: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has still to be dependent on foreign know-how for making war-ships;

(b) if so, the names of the countries on which India has to depend;

(c) if not, whether India is in a position to manufacture submarines; and

(d) if so, at which dockyards?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Foreign assistance is necessary for the construction of sophisticated warships in India. At present, we have a collaboration agreement for the construction of Leander type frigates which is with two ship-building firms of the U.K.

(c) and (d). At present, there is no project for the construction of submarines in India.

Pak. Protest against P.M.'s Remarks

5110. Shri Kameshwar Singh:
Shri Sequeira:
Shri Nihal Singh:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a protest note from Pakistan

against a remark reported to have been made by the Prime Minister at Ambikapur;

(b) if so, the contents of this note; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A copy of Pakistan's Protest Note as well as our reply thereto is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-971/67].

Evacuation of Families of Indian Embassy Personnel in Peking

5111. Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Molahu Prasad:
Shri Maharaj Singh Bharati:
Shri J. H. Patel:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
Shri Virendrakumar Shah:
Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Shiv Kumar Shastri:
Shri Y. S. Keshwah:
Shri Atam Das:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the families of the personnel of the Indian Embassy in Peking have been evacuated;

(b) if not, the stage at which the matter stands at present; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this direction?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). It has been decided to bring back the families of the Indian employees in the Embassy at Peking in small batches; accordingly 16 members of families including children will be returning to India during this month.