

ister and Deputy Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China to Japan and the U.S.A., talks and assurances of the character of a military tie-up between those countries have come to the fore endangering peace and stability in the Pacific and the Indian Ocean in particular; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) During the recent visit of the Chinese Vice-Premier Geng Biao to USA, the US Defence Secretary Harold Brown announced, after extensive talks with the Chinese leaders, that the US Government had approved pending export licence applications from American companies for items on the munition list to China. These items, described as military support equipment, include tactical aid defence radar sets, transport helicopters, transport aircraft, communication gear and passive counter-measure devices. Talking about the possible sale of American weapons to China, the Chinese Vice-Premier is reported to have said: "I do not think there is a possibility at present, but I believe there may be such a possibility in future." The US Administration has stated that no military alliance was contemplated with China. However, the two sides speak of a common strategic assessment.

The Chinese Premier Hua Guo Feng visited Japan in May 1980. We are not aware of any discussions of a military character held during this visit. Earlier, the late Japanese PM Ohira had, in a speech during his visit to China in December, 1979, said:

"Japan will not extent cooperation in the military field to any country. China constitutes no exception." The Chinese Premier Hua Guo Feng visited Tokyo again on the occasion of the funeral of the late Japanese Premier. Mr. Ohira. While in Tokyo he

had a meeting with the US President Mr. Carter. According to news agency reports, the White House Press Secy. Mr. J. Powell was quoted as having said after the meeting that the talks held were "substantive and worthwhile" and that "there was essential agreement between the US and the People's Republic of China with regard to strategic perspectives" No Japanese official participated in the meeting.

(b) Government of India keep under constant review all developments which may have a bearing on the security of this region, in general, and India, in particular.

Providing a Stoppage of East Coast Express at Kalupadaghat

4752. **SHRI BRAJIMOHAN MOHANTY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposals under consideration for a stoppage of East Coast Express at Kulupadaghat. (presently abolished) in the district of Puri, Orissa, Jayanath Express at Satyabadi and Konarak superfast train at Balugan in Puri district in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in taking decision in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RALWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No. Incidentally there is no station at present by the name of Satyabadi.

(b) Does not arise.

Conference of Non-Aligned in Havana

4753. **SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has decided to participate in the conference of the non-aligned countries to be held at Havana in coming July; and