

**Short Notice Questions and
Answers**

Mr. Dulles' Statement on Kashmir

S.Q. No. 8. { Shri H. C. Mathur:
Shri Shree Narayan Das
Shri Radha Raman:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Narayanankutty
Menon:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether US reply to Indian Government's note of protest against the reported use of the word "annexation" by Mr Dulles to define India's relationship with Kashmir, has been received, and

(b) if so, the nature of the reply?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes

(b) It is not possible, at this stage, to disclose the nature of the reply as this is being examined with a view to sending a further communication on some of the points mentioned in the reply

Shri Joachim Alva: The problem of Kashmir has been before us right from the time of President Truman to President Eisenhower today. May I know whether the term 'annexation' has been used by any one of the State Department documents up till now from that period, or whether the term annexation has been used by any one of the permanent American delegates at the UN when the Kashmir question was being discussed?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I can only speak from my memory. I am not aware of that term being used, certainly I should imagine, by any official of the State Department of the United States. I cannot obviously say what in the course of many addresses in the UN Security Council somebody might have said, but I cannot remember of any such case.

Shri Joachim Alva: Has a term almost similar to that or almost exactly like that been ever used in

the long and cordial talks Mr Dulles had with the Prime Minister in Delhi on his return from Karachi, or in the talks with the President when the Prime Minister was in America?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not think so. I may mention that even in the communication I have received from Mr Secretary Dulles it is pointed out that he did not use the term as such, but rather it was used by the questioner, and it was in reply to a question that perhaps it was repeated.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: After the United States' arms deal with Pakistan, the President of the United States gave us an assurance, for whatever it was worth, that the arms would not be employed against us. Now, will Government tell us if we shall ask the United States Government that, whatever their predilections personally or otherwise in regard to Kashmir, they will not muddy the waters and complicate and sabotage the chance of a settlement which there is otherwise?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not think this question needs a reply, in the form in which the hon Member has put it, but the question of military aid being given to Pakistan for possible use against India has been repeatedly discussed and, as the hon Member has said, the United States Government has every time made it clear that this is not be intention, they would strongly object to any such thing being done.

Shri Vasudevan Nair: May I know whether our Government consider such statements to be an interference in our internal affairs?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not think this can be called interference. When one is asked a question at a press conference, one has to give a reply. It depends on the nature of the reply, of course. Whether it is a reply which we might consider undesirable or desirable is a different matter.