

truth of the matter was that no progress whatsoever was made in finalising the blueprints and now it is realised that the kind of blueprints, wherever available, were far from adequate to meet the needs of India's defences and if so, what has been the response of the Soviet Government to the changed proposals made by our Government?

Shri Raghuramaiah: I am afraid the information is entirely wrong... (Interruptions). The project reports have been duly made and they are under examination. We are progressing.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: But they have been tardy.

Shri Nath Pai: Am I to understand that the progress is going according to the schedule which the Defence Minister gave to the House about the actual production? He has given no reply to that part.

Shri Raghuramaiah: Civil works in Nasik factory have commenced. For the engine factory at Koraput, the project report is rather a complicated affair because it includes RD9F engine; the project report is being re-examined technically. One of the project reports has come very recently I am not aware of any avoidable delay in this.

Shri P. K. Deo: As such a long time is taken in the production of these planes, may we be assured that these planes would not be obsolete by the time they go into production?

Shri Raghuramaiah: Obsolescence is a theory which could apply to any plane anywhere but our endeavour would be as we go on manufacturing, to incorporate in it, such modifications as might be necessary and are within our technical know-how.

Shri Joachim Alva: The hon. Minister said that no talks were conducted with the others. May I know whether

any offers were received from any country of the west, especially United States or France for manufacturing supersonic aircraft here?

Shri Raghuramaiah: Since the MIG deal? No, Sir.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: In view of the repeated assurances of the United States Government to strengthen our defence preparations including the Air Force, may I know whether any request has been made by our Government to help us in the manufacture of supersonic aircraft?

Shri Raghuramaiah: We have not made any request for collaboration in our manufacture programme.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : सरकार ने बताया था कि ६ कारखाने सुपरसोनिक विमानों के लिये तैयार किये जायेंगे और ६ कारखानों में यह काम होगा। उस से आर्डनेंस फैक्ट्री बनेंगी। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उन में से कितने काम करने की स्थिति में आ गये हैं, कितनों में काम शुरू हो गया है और कितनों में शुरू होना बाकी है ?

Shri Raghuramaiah: The agreement provides and gives consent to our production according to the schedule.

U.S. Seventh Naval Fleet in Indian Ocean

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Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
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Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:

Shri Indrajit Gupta:
 Shri Kolla Venkaiah:
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
 Shri Nambiar:
 Shri Mohan Swarup:
 Shri Tridib Kumar
 Chaudhuri:
 Shri H. C. Soy:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
 Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.S. Government has, since Mr. Taylor's visit, consulted the Government of India regarding U.S. Seventh Naval Fleet operating in the Indian Ocean and taken any final decision; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) The position remains the same as mentioned in the Prime Minister's Statement in the Rajya Sabha on 21st December, 1963. The U.S. Government has not communicated any decision to the Government of India about its intention regarding the operation of U.S. Seventh Fleet in the Indian Ocean.

(b) The reaction of the Government of India has already been made clear in the Prime Minister's statement in the Rajya Sabha referred to in para (a) above.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item in the *Indian Express* some time back that the U.S.S.R. Government is contemplating to send its fleet armed with nuclear weapons to keep track of the Seventh Fleet in the Indian Ocean and if so, what is the reaction of the Government in this regard and how far will it extend the cold-war area?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: We have seen it reported.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: We want to know what is the reaction of the Government: whether they have asked

the U.S.S.R. Government in this regard.

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: No, Sir.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I do not quite understand.

Mr. Speaker: The question is whether we have asked the U.S.S.R. Government. (*Interruption*).

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: The point is this. I want to know whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the news item in which it has been said that the U.S.S.R. Government is contemplating to send its fleet in the Indian Ocean to keep track of the American 7th fleet?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have not seen that report. It seems to be rather an absurd report.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: This news was there in the *Indian Express*, at the time of the Bhubaneswar session, that the USSR Government is contemplating to send it. Anyway, I want to know whether the Government has conveyed the reactions of this country, which are very strong in this regard, to the U.S.A. Government that such a move on the part of the U.S. Government will not make for good friendship and good health.

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: Our reactions are very well known, because they have been discussed in Parliament and outside. Beyond that, I do not know of anything done.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Is it a fact that the Defence Minister said some time ago that the Chinese navy has got submarines or other sea-craft which are capable of operating on the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean and, if so, what measures have been or are being taken by Government to patrol the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean against such possible incursions?

Mr. Speaker: Let us patrol the Indian Ocean first!

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: We cannot patrol; have we taken any measures? We are protesting against the action of the USSR Government or the US Government. Have we got anything at all with us, because the Defence Minister said they are having submarines now. He said so. Have they got any sea-craft to patrol the seas against the Chinese submarines?

Mr. Speaker: We are coming to that. There is another question that relates to submarines also.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: But that may not be reached at all. In your kindness to the House, you may please permit this to be answered.

Mr. Speaker: There must be sufficient justification for it.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: It is in the public interest; it is very important, in the context of the Defence of Indian Act and Rules, and the security of the country.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Shri Swell.

Shri Swell: Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the statement of the Prime Minister of Ceylon to the effect that Ceylon would not allow any vessel armed with nuclear weapons to enter the Ceylonese territorial waters and that Ceylon will be taking the initiative to see that no such vessel will enter the territorial waters of non-aligned nations? And may I know whether the Government of India would be joining in this move by Ceylon?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not know about joining in the move, but there is no question of any such foreign ship entering into our territorial waters. If it does we shall certainly object.

Shri Tyagi: May I take it that this 7th Fleet which is going to operate in the Indian Ocean shall not be entering our territorial waters? Is that so?

Mr. Speaker: That is exactly what he said. Shri Indrajit Gupta.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: In view of India's declared policy of not permitting any foreign military base anywhere on our soil, has the Government considered whether the presence of a foreign naval fleet within easy range of our shores, whether equipped with nuclear weapons or not, also amounts, in modern conditions of warfare, to military bases afloat within the range of our country, and, if so, what is the Government's view on this matter and have they expressed it to the US Government?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not think that they amount to any military bases floating about.

Shri Kapur Singh: May I know whether the Historical Division of the External Affairs Ministry have advised the Government that in the first decade of the 15th century, Ching Ho, a Chinese royal eunuch, had established complete mastery over the Indian Ocean, exacting tributes from India, due to a sovereign, and, if so, whether the Government have examined the question of the US 7th Fleet in the context of the recent visitations of Chinese submarines to our waters?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not think the hon. Member expects a reply to that.

Shri Kapur Singh: I have not been able to catch the answer.

Mr. Speaker: No answer can be given to this question.

Shri Nath Pai: In view of the fact that if India had a worthwhile fleet to guard the Indian Ocean, no foreign fleet would have been tempted or induced to go there, may I know when

we may expect to have even the semblance of such a fleet to guard our oceans?

Mr. Speaker: That is a different thing altogether.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या भारत सरकार ने इंडियन ओशन के ग्रास पास के देशों, जैसे बर्मा, सीलोन, मलयेशिया, इंडोनेशिया से मिल कर ऐसा परामर्श किया है कि ये सब देश मिल कर यू० एस० ए० के पास एक विरोध पत्र भेजें कि उनका सातवां फ्लीट इंडियन ओशन में न आवे ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : नहीं किया है।

Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: Is it the intention of the Government to convey its pleasure or displeasure on the visit of any foreign fleet that enters the Indian Ocean even though it keeps beyond our territorial waters?

The Minister without Portfolio (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): I may read out a few sentences of the Prime Minister's statement which he made earlier to clear up the position:

"The ocean outside the territorial waters of India is open to the naval vessels of the United States as to the naval vessels of any other country. It would be quite wrong to suggest that a cruise by a few naval ships in the Indian Ocean either threatens our freedom or imperils our policy of non-alignment. To prevent misgivings, however, I would like to take this occasion to state emphatically that while we are glad to take assistance from friendly countries in our defence build-up, there is no question of any foreign ships or foreign aircraft participating in the actual defence of the country. This defence will be effected only by the Indian armed forces and the people of this country."

Conference of Non-Aligned Countries

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Shri J. B. S. Bist;
Shri Umanath;
Shri P. C. Borooah;
Shri Nath Pai;
Shri Kajrolkar;
Shri Shashi Ranjan;
Shri Hem Raj;
Shri Anjanappa;
Shri Rameshwar Tantia;
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey;

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in convening the Conference of non-aligned nations;

(b) the countries which are going to be invited; and

(c) whether any precise agenda has been circulated?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) to (c). Government of India have welcomed the joint communique by President Nasser and Prime Minister Mrs. Bandaranaike made on October 13, 1963 in which they had agreed that another Conference of Non-aligned countries should be held. Correspondence has taken place between the Prime Minister and the Heads of some concerned countries regarding various aspects of the proposed Conference. The suggestions and proposals made in the correspondence are not yet final and are being considered by all concerned. It is understood that no decision has so far been taken regarding the countries to be invited to the Conference or its precise agenda.