

**National Defence Council**

**4957. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the composition of the National Defence Council has recently been materially revised;

(b) if so, the details of the revised Council; and

(c) its powers and functions?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi):** (a) No Sir. Only vacancies caused by the demise or resignation have been filled up.

(b) The present composition of the Council is as follows:

Prime Minister—Chairman.

Shri Gulzarilal Nanda

Sardar Swaran Singh

Shri Y. B. Chavan

Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri

Shri Asoka Mehta

Shri G. M. Sadiq, Chief Minister, J. & K.

Shri S. Nijalingappa, Chief Minister, Mysore.

Shri Ram Kishen, Chief Minister, Punjab.

Shrimati Sucheta Kripalani, Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh.

Shri P. C. Sen, Chief Minister, West Bengal.

Shri B. P. Chaliha, Chief Minister, Assam.

Chief of the Army Staff.

Chief of the Naval Staff.

Chief of the Air Staff.

Lieutenant General Sant Singh (Retd.).

Lieutenant General S.P.P. Thorat, A.C., D.S.O. (Retd.).

Shri Kamaraj Nadar.

Shri Atulya Ghosh.

Shri Frank Anthony.

Shri N. Dandekar.

Shri S. S. Khera.

Dr. Vikram A. Sarabhai.

Dr. D. S. Kothari.

Cabinet Secretary.

Defence Secretary.

Scientific Adviser to the Minister of Defence.

All Chief Ministers, other than those named above, attend the meetings of the Council if they are in Delhi when the Council meets.

(c) The National Defence Council is an advisory body. Its functions were laid down as follows when it was first set up:

(i) To take stock of the situation and arrangements for national defence, from time to time, and to advise Government on matters relating to national defence.

(ii) To assist in building up and suitably guiding the national will to fight the aggressor.

(iii) To suggest to the Central Citizen's Committee such measures as may be considered necessary, for the utilisation of public participation in national defence.

(iv) To advise Government generally on such other matters as may be helpful in prosecuting the fight against the aggressor.

**Writings and Speeches of Late Savarkar**

**4958. Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for arranging the publication of writings and speeches of late Savarkar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Naval Training Establishment at Visakhapatnam**

**4959. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:** Shri Ramanand Shastri:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state: