

(a) whether Government still propose to continue their talks with the Naga hostiles in the light of the many truce violations indulged in by the Naga rebels;

(b) if so, with what purpose;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Nagaland has expressed his opposition to the continuance of any more parleys with the rebel Nagas; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) There is no proposal to hold talks with the Underground at present.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

#### Collaboration between Nagas and China and Pakistan

633. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:  
SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA:  
SHRI R. K. SINHA:  
SHRI SITARAM KESRI:  
SHRI M. L. SONDHI:  
SHRI HEM RAJ:  
SHRI B. K. DASCHOW-DHURY:  
SHRI C. K. BHATTACHARYYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have information about closer collaboration between the Naga hostiles and China and Pakistan in recent months;

(b) whether protests have been lodged with the Chinese and Pakistani Governments against their interference in India's internal affairs;

(c) if so, to what effect; and

(d) if not, why?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). A protest was lodged with the Government of the Peoples' Republic of China on 19th June, 1968. No reply from the Government of the Peoples' Republic of China has been received so far.

As for Pakistan, the House was informed on 8th May earlier this year in response to Unstarred Question No. 10110 that a protest was lodged with the Government of Pakistan on 16 August, 1967 and that the Government of Pakistan had denied the charges.

#### Pak. Military Strength

634. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:  
SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA:  
SHRI T. P. SHAH:  
SHRI H. AJMAL KHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an assessment of Pakistan's overall military strength in the light of her acquiring newer and more sophisticated weapons from the western countries and from China;

(b) if so, how it compares with the position that prevailed during the 1965 conflict with Pakistan;

(c) whether it is a fact that the U.S.S.R. has been selling military hardware to Pakistan in recent months; and

(d) if so, whether Government have made representations to the Government of U.S.S.R. of the adverse effects of such sale on the delicate military situation on the sub-continent?