

Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:
Shri Bagri:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
Shri Kishen Pattanayak:
Shri Madhu Limaye:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently offered invitation to Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan to visit India in the year 1966;

(b) whether he has accepted the invitation;

(c) whether any date has been fixed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) to (d). An invitation was extended to Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan in January 1965 to visit India at any time convenient to him. In reply, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan had said that he would come to India at a suitable opportunity. The invitation is still open but no dates have yet been fixed for this visit.

Casualties after Cease-fire

445. Shri R. Barua:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Badshah Gupta:
Shri R. S. Pandey:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casualties on the side of India due to the cease-fire violations by Pakistan on all the sectors after the Cease-fire; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to assist the families of these Jawans?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) The total number of Indian casualties due to cease-fire violations by Pakistan on all sectors after cease-fire is 2,062. Of these, 459 were killed, 1348 wounded, 239 missing and 16 were taken as Prisoners of War.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table [Placed in Library. See LT-No. 5505/65.]

Space Probe

446. Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the President of U.S.A. has invited other nations to join space probe specially of the sun and the planet Jupiter; and

(b) if so, whether India has decided to join this probe?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Pakistan Plans for Atom Bomb

447. Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri Hem Raj:
Shri Daljit Singh:
Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri R. G. Dubey:
Shri Krishnapal Singh:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri P. E. Chakraverti:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Bagri:
Shri Vishram Prasad:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri Kishen Pattanayak:
Shri Hukam Chong
Kachhavaia:
Shri Bada:
Shri Shankre:
Shri D. N. Tiwary:
Shri Prakash V. Shastri:
Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:

Shri Ravindra Varma:
Shri R. S. Pandey:
Shri Rajeshwar Patel:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri R. Sarua:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item under the head-line 'Pakistan Splits Atom' published in the morning edition of *Searchlight*, Patna dated the 23rd December, 1965;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Pakistani scientists are in a position to start the manufacture of Atom Bomb and ballistic missiles in the near future; and

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

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) Yes. This news report would indicate that Pakistan has bought from a U.S. source a research reactor comparable to 'Apsara', the swimming pool reactor built by India scientist in 1957.

(b) Government is not aware of the existence of any atomic energy installation in Pakistan, as, for example, an atomic power station, a fuel reprocessing plant or a diffusion plant which will enable her to produce nuclear weapons on a significant scale.

(c) As Pakistan is a signatory to the Partial Test Ban Treaty, it is hoped that she will adhere to the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

Parliamentary Delegations sent abroad

448. Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Dr. L. M. Singhai:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri P. C. Beroach:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Jeebith Hanota:

Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Linga Reddy:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Hukam Chand

Kachhavalya:
Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Vishram Prasad:
Shri P. H. Bheel:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri Hem Raj:
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether full assessment of the Reports of Parliamentary Delegations sent to the different countries to explain India's stand on its policy of non-alignment and its confrontation with China and Pakistan in their aggressive designs has been made;

(b) if so, how far the delegations have succeeded in creating a congenial atmosphere and understanding in favour of India in the countries visited by them; and

(c) whether copies of their reports or summaries thereof will be laid on the Table?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, the impressions conveyed to the Government by the Goodwill Delegations to various countries have been assessed.

(b) The delegations have succeeded in projecting India's point of view on matters of current interest and concern to us. Government are satisfied that the exchange of views between the Delegations and the Governments and press of the countries visited have been very useful. There is considerable appreciation abroad of India's policies. The work of the Goodwill Delegations will, naturally, be assiduously followed up by our diplomatic missions.

(c) Their reactions are treated as confidential and hence no reports or summaries thereof are to be placed on the Table of the House.