

U. S. Ambassador's Comments on A I.C.C. Resolution on IndoChina

507. SHRI A. K. GOPALAN :
 SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE :
 SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :
 SHRI SATYA NARAIN SINGH :
 SHRI GANESH GHOSH :
 SHRI K. RAMANI :
 SHRI E. K. NAYANAR :
 SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :
 SHRI DHIRESWAR KALITA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government of India has been drawn to the views expressed by the U. S. Ambassador to India regarding the AICC resolution on Indo-China and connected matters ;

(b) whether the interview published in *Hindu* of 19th June, 1970 is highly derogatory to India and constitute gross interference in the internal affairs of India ; and

(c) whether the Government have lodged any protest with the U. S. Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government of India have seen the press reports.

(b) The Ambassador's comments were restricted to the future of Indo-American relations as he saw them.

(c) Does not arise.

Opening of Suez Canal

508. SHRI HEM BARUA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the West Asian Crisis is still unresolved and as a

result of which the Suez Canal continues to be closed ; and

(b) if so, the steps which Government have taken to see that the Suez Canal is opened soon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Reopening of the Suez Canal depends on a settlement of the West Asian crisis. To that end India continues to support the Security Council Resolution of November 22, 1967 and all efforts to implement it.

Floods in Assam

509. SHRI HEM BARUA :
 SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHANDA :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that floods have threatened Assam again ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to control the rivers in the State ; including the Brahmaputra and the Barak ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) Floods have occurred in the Brahmaputra and Barak basins in Assam during the current monsoon.

(b) Flood Control measures such as construction of embankments, town protection works, construction of drainage channels have been undertaken in Brahmaputra and Barak basins in Assam. Progress, made and the expenditure incurred thereon are given below :-

(i) Length of embankments in Kilometers upto 1954 410

(ii) From 1954 to March 1969.

(i) Length of embankments in Kilometers 3161

- (ii) Length of drainage channels in Kilo-meters 770
- (iii) Town protection works (Numbers) 29
- (iv) Area benefitted in lakh hec. 7.16
- (v) Expenditure in Rupees Crores 27.22

Similar works will be continued during IV Plan also. In addition extensive raising and strengthening of embankments is to be carried out. A scheme to construct a Dam across the River Barak to control floods in that river is also under examination.

In Order to tackle the flood problem in the Brahmaputra Basin, three tier organisation consisting of (i) Brahmaputra flood Control Board (ii) Brahmaputra flood Control Commission and (iii) Board of Consultants has been set up. This will investigate plan and implement the measures required in a comprehensive and co-ordinated manner.

Protest against Chinese Intrusion in Bhutan

510. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have lodged protest regarding the Chinese troops intrusions into Bhutanese territory in May, 1970 at the request of the king of Bhutan ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Chinese Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Sir. Yes,

(b) There has been no reaction from the Chinese Government.

Soviet help in India's Nuclear Field

511. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI : SHRI SARJOO PANDEY : SHRI ESWARA REDDY : SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA : SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Soviet Union has agreed to help India in the nuclear field to cover certain crucial technological requirements in the ten year programme announced by the Atomic Energy Commission recently ; and

(b) if so, the details of help expected in this respect ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b). An agreement is in force between India and the Soviet Union for collaboration in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy. Assistance has not been sought from the Soviet Union to cover any specific area in the ten year programme referred to in the Question. However details of the implementation of the agreement are presently under consideration.

बिहार सरकार द्वारा धन के नियतन में वृद्धि की माँग

512. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : क्या प्रधानमंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार सरकार ने राज्य की चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना के लिए नियत की गई राशि में और वृद्धि करने की माँग की है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो कितनी वृद्धि किये जाने की माँग की गई है और उसका व्यौरा क्या है; और