

**Title:** Demand to clarify the Government's position on the address of Mr. Bill Clinton, the President of the United States of America, on TV that China will be a party to the discussion on Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH (BHARATPUR): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I will take just two minutes.

A very profound and disturbing event has taken place yesterday. The President of the United States of America, Mr. Bill Clinton, while addressing the National Geographic Society said, '...because of its history with both the countries, China must be a part of any ultimate resolution of this matter which is Kashmir'. He said, 'if any discussion takes place between India and Pakistan, China must sit on the table'.

Would the Government be pleased to make a statement and clarify as to what the position is? It is because the hon. Prime Minister has been saying that this is a bilateral matter. Now Shri Jaswant Singh is in Washington propounding ponderous policies in ponderous prose, but what is he doing? Mr. Clinton has clearly said on TV that China will be a party to the discussion on Kashmir. Would the Government clarify the position?

MR. SPEAKER: Now, the reply of the Finance Minister to the discussion on the General Budget; Discussion under Rule 193 and the Private Members' Business are still to be taken up. So, the Matters under Rule 377 may be laid on the Table of the House.

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