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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Tuesday, 6th April, 1954

The House met at Two of the Clock[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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2-42 P.M.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

REPORT OF SECOND REVIEWING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Defence (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table of the House the Report of the Second Reviewing Committee of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. According to the rules, the review takes place every five years. This particular review was conducted by a Committee of eminent scientists with Sir Alfred Egerton as Chairman. I only got this about three days ago. I thought it desirable to place it on the Table of the House immediately. Some copies have been sent to the Parliament Library and the Government will consider the recommendations made therein and lay their views before the House. [Placed in the Library. See No. S-106/54.]

Shri B. S. Murthy (Eluru): Will it be possible to supply copies?

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Mr. Speaker: Members will get copies.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have sent half a dozen copies to the Library and half a dozen here. For the moment, we have not got enough copies for all the Members of the House. In fact, it was signed three days ago.

STATEMENT RE. DEVELOPMENTS IN FRENCH SETTLEMENTS IN INDIA

Mr. Speaker: Statement to be made by the hon. Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Defence (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I thank you for your kindness in this matter. Sir, this is a statement in regard to the developments in French possessions. I do not wish to take up too much of the time of the House in reading the whole of it because a large part of it is really a summary of the events that are known and are being mentioned just to make the story compact. I am prepared to lay it on the Table of the House or read it, or give a summary of it and lay it on the Table of the House.

Mr. Speaker: It is better he gives a summary.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: The House knows that on the 18th March, a number of resolutions were passed by the municipalities in Pondicherry demanding immediate merger with India. Some days later, similar resolutions were passed by the municipalities in Karaikal. The resolutions had the full support of the French Indian