

(b) Government's policy regarding military bases is well-known and remains unchanged. The establishment of such bases tends to lead to tensions and rivalries. The United Nations has also pronounced itself against all military activities and arrangements by Colonial Powers in Territories under their administration. The Government of India fully support this position.

**Proposed Western move in U.N. for release of P.O.Ws in India**

**\*457. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO:  
SHRI RAMSHEKHAR PRA-  
SAD SINGH:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the report appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 17th November, 1972 under the heading "West move on P.O.Ws' release";

(b) if so, whether they propose to move any resolution in the U.N. in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH):**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The House is aware of the two Resolutions commonly known as the Yugoslav and Argentine Resolutions, adopted in the General Assembly of the United Nations on the 29th November. As I have stated in the House on the 8th December, 1972, the Argentine Resolution does not make the question of the admission of Bangladesh to the UN conditional upon the release of the prisoners of war. In fact, that Resolution does not refer to the question of admission at all; and we take the reference by the President of the General Assembly to interdependence between the viewpoints as expressed in the Resolutions to indicate that so long as Pakistan

refuses to recognise Bangladesh and Bangladesh is kept out of the United Nations, the solution of pending problems, including the repatriation of the prisoners of war, would be difficult if not impossible.

There is an increasing awareness, in Pakistan as elsewhere, that Bangladesh is a necessary party to any discussions concerning the repatriation of the prisoners of war.

**Transfers in E.P.F. Organisation**

**\*458. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHAS-  
TRI:  
SHRI BHOLA MANJHI:**

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Officers in the Employees Provident Fund Organisation are transferred from one place to another after completing three years at one place;

(b) whether there are some cases in the country where this Order has not been complied with strictly; and

(c) if so, the number of Officers with designation and the reasons in each case?

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR):** (a) and (b). The policy followed by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation in the matter of transfer of officers above the level of Provident Fund Inspectors (Gr. I) is to consider their transfers ordinarily after three years of service at a particular place subject to administrative exigencies and requirements.

(c) Does not arise.

**Reported statement by Pak President for no cut in arms**

**\*459. SHRI R. S. PANDEY:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported state-

ment of President of Pakistan that Pakistan cannot reduce its arms unless disputes between India and Pakistan are resolved, and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) (a) and (b) Government have seen the press report of this statement reported to have been made by the President of Pakistan on 5th September 1972 Since then there has been some progress in the implementation of Simla agreement It is the policy of Government to try to secure that disputes between India and Pakistan are settled through bilateral negotiations

**Annual loss at Khetri Copper Mines**

\*460 SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether Khetri Copper Mines are running in loss and if so, the estimated annual loss at the Khetri Mines,

(b) whether Government have appointed a committee to investigate into the causes for loss, if so, the tune by which the report is expected to be presented to the Government and

(c) whether the then Mining Adviser under UN Technical Assistance Plan was also reported to have advised the Government about the poor output at the mines and if so, the reasons for ignoring his advice and sustaining continuous loss there?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S MOHAN KUMAR-MANGALAM) (a) Khetri Copper Project is in the construction stage The Mines at Khetri and Kolihan are producing some copper ore incidental to mine development work The question of estimated annual loss at Khetri Copper Mines, on a regular basis, therefore, does not arise at this stage.

(b) No, Sir

(c) No, Sir

**Criteria for selecting M.Ps for participation in U.N.O**

4313 SHRI RANABAHADUR SINGH Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the criteria laid down by Government for selecting the Members of Parliament to participate in the U.N.O,

(b) whether ex-Members of Parliament are also included in the list and

(c) if so the particulars thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH)

(a) Members of Indian Delegations to the UN General Assembly represent the Government of India Consequently the main criterion is that they should be in agreement with Government's policies

(b) and (c) S/Shri P S Naskar and Joachim Alva ex-MPs (Lok Sabha) were included in the Indian delegation to the 22nd session of the UN in 1967

Smt Savitri Nigam a former Member of Parliament and currently President of the Indian Federation of the United Nations Association has been included as Special Adviser to the Indian Delegation to the UN during the current 27th session of the General Assembly

**Selections of Assistant Managers and Managers in Canteens and Stores department**

4314 SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether any selection to the posts of Assistant Managers and Managers classes I and II were made in the CSD (I) during the past two years including selection grade managers,