

(b) if so, the nature of the talks held at the meeting and the results thereof?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Surendra Pal Singh):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Heads of Arab Missions in New Delhi conveyed their grateful thanks to the Government of India on behalf of their respective Governments for India's support in the West Asian crisis.

**Peking Radio Broadcasts About MIZOs**

\*590. **Shri Hem Barua:**  
**Shri Kameshwar Singh:**  
**Shri A. Sreedharan:**  
**Shri Swell:**

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Peking Radio in its broadcast, possibly on the 29th May, 1967, has come out with encouraging words for the Mizo hostiles for their 'revolution' against India; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction to the Chinese interference in our internal affairs?

**The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are fully aware of the dangerous implications of such interference.

**Indo-Pak Talks**

\*591. **Shri Virendrakumar Shah:**  
**Shri Bodabrata Barua:**

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan Government have sent a reply to his letter expressing willingness of India to talk with Pakistan on all matters including Kashmir issue;

(b) if so, the nature thereof; and

(c) the latest prospects of the proposed Indo-Pakistan talks?

**The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Posts of Secretaries in the Departments of Defence Production and Defence Supply**

\*592. **Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:**  
**Shri K. Ramani:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to abolish the posts of secretaries in the departments of Defence Production and Defence Supply, which were created in 1962 in view of the present economy drive; and

(b) if not, the reasons for their continuance?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh):** (a) Only the post of Secretary (Defence Supplies) which was created with effect from 24-11-65, is proposed to be abolished with effect from 1-7-67.

(b) Defence Production has been assuming increasing importance since 1962, in view of the urgent need to develop and manufacture modern and efficient weapons and equipment within the country. Government are satisfied that the volume, nature and quality of work in the department justifies the post of a Secretary in the Department of Defence Production.

**Indo-Ceylon Agreement of 1964**

\*593. **Shri K. Haldar:**  
**Shri D. Amat:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Ceylon have demanded that under International Law, India was obliged to enact legislation to enable it to accept repatriation of 525,000 people from Ceylon as provided in the Indo-Ceylon Agreement of 1964; and