

(c) the salient points discussed and the decisions taken thereon?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The names of Chief Ministers or their colleagues who attended various sessions at the Conference are mentioned in the statement laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No LT-115/67]

(c) The Conference was called by the Minister of Food and Agriculture mainly to discuss the programme of agricultural production for 1987-88. A meeting of the Standing Committee of Chief Ministers on Food was held on 7th July, to which Chief Ministers who are not members were also invited.

Advantage was taken of the Conference to exchange views with Chief Ministers on the Gajendragadkar Commission's report on Dearness Allowance, the Family Planning Programme and the Administrative Reforms Commission's recommendations on the Machinery of Planning.

A statement indicating the main subjects discussed with the Chief Ministers by the Minister of Food and Agriculture is placed on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No LT-1156/67]

No decisions were taken at the session which discussed the Gajendragadkar Commission's report on Dearness Allowance. Views were exchanged on the financial and other implications of the Commission's recommendations.

Similarly views were exchanged on three proposals bearing on the Family Planning Programme, namely, raising the age-limits for marriage of boys and girls, liberalisation of abortion laws, and compulsory sterilisation after three children.

Mention has already been made of discussions with Chief Ministers on the Administrative Reforms Commission's report on the Machinery of Planning in the Prime Minister's statement on the subject in the Lok Sabha on 17th July.

Fresh Enquiry into the Death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

*1334 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri,
Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri:
Dr. Surya Prakash Puri,
Shri Samar Guha:
Shri Mahant Digvijai Nath:
Shri Arjun Singh:
Bhadoria
Shri Sreekantan Nair
Shri Mohan Prasad:
Dr. Karni Singh
Shri N. C. Chatterjee

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 4338 on the 3rd July 1967 and state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Enquiry Committee headed by Shri Shah Nawaz Khan did not at all visit Taiwan where Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose is reported to have met his death in an air-crash

(b) if so how the Committee reached the conclusion that Netaji had actually died in an air-crash in 1945

(c) whether Government now propose to reopen the whole matter and institute a fresh enquiry in co-operation with the Government of Taiwan and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

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

(b) The evidence on which the Committee reached the conclusion that Netaji had actually died in an air-crash in 1945 is too lengthy to be stated here. It can be found in the report of the Shah Nawaz Committee which has already been published.

(c) No, Sir

(d) The Government are convinced that there is no need for any further enquiry because the report of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee is conclusive.

Second Bandung Conference

*1336. Shri Marandi: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a move to call the Second Bandung Conference on the 10th October, 1967 in Algeria;

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

(c) whether India will attend the Conference;

(d) what will be the subjects for discussion; and

(e) whether India will raise the question of Israel's attack on U.A.R.?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Surendra Pal Singh): (a) No, Sir, however, a meeting of the 'seventy-seven' developing countries is scheduled to be held in Algiers from 10th October, 1967

(b) India has actively supported the meeting of the 'seventy-seven' developing countries

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) The principal objectives of the meeting are to harmonise the position of the developing countries with regard to the main issues to be considered at the Second U.N. Conference on Trade & Development to be held in New Delhi, to outline the basic strategies required at that Conference, to reaffirm the unity of the 'seventy-seven' and to restate the firm support of the developing countries for the fundamental objectives set out in their Joint Declaration contained in the Final Act of the First U. N. Conference on Trade & Development held in 1964.

(e) No Sir; the meeting will consider mainly economic matters as stated above.

Talks with Underground Nagas

*1337. Shri Bal Raj Madhok:
Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:
Shri R. S. Vidyarthi:
Shri K. M. Madhakar:
Shri Ramavtar Shastri:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Nagaland has urged upon the Central Government not to continue talks with the underground hostile Nagas indefinitely;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he is opposed to making Mr Phizo a party to the talks with the underground Naga hostiles; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction to his suggestion?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Surendra Pal Singh): (a) Chief Minister of Nagaland met Minister of External Affairs during his last visit to Delhi between 5th and 10th July, 1967. It will not be in the public interest to disclose the contents of the discussions, which are essentially of a confidential nature

(b) and (c) The matter was raised during the course of Supplementaries to the Calling Attention Notice on 10th July, 1967. The House was assured that the "Government will not go contrary to the advice of the State Government of Nagaland"

U.N. Talks on Suez Canal

*1338. Shri Kameshwar Singh: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the failure of the U.N. talks on Suez Canal; and