

Minister he refers to made that statement when he was out of office, not while in office.

SHRI HEM BARUA : What did he say?

MR. SPEAKER : He said that it was an ex-Foreign Minister.

SHRI HEM BARUA : This statement was made by the present Foreign Minister, not the other one. May I submit that it was the present Foreign Minister who made this statement in the National Assembly of Pakistan? I liked his string of alliteration.

SHRI RANGA : The House has had this experience of seeing how helpless and ignorant the Foreign Minister and her colleague in the External Affairs Ministry are in regard to this matter. How much longer would the Prime Minister take to realise that the Prime Minister's job is heavy enough, big enough and that she should not saddle herself with this additional responsibility?

MR. SPEAKER : Is this a supplementary?

SHRI RANGA : In view of the fact that such flippant answers have been given to this very small part of the totality of the responsibility that is cast on the Foreign Affairs Ministry, would the Prime Minister be good enough and kind enough towards this country and relieve the country of this miserable experience of having these two great portfolios mixed up under one Minister?

MR. SPEAKER : Next Question.

MEETING OF NON-NUCLEAR NATIONS

*423. **SHRI BIBHUTI MISHRA :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item in the Statesman, of the 19th August, 1967 published from Delhi under the heading "China may attend meeting of non-nuclear nations";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Pakistan took initiative to persuade the General Assembly to invite China; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The Government have no information.

(c) Does not arise.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : प्रश्न के पहले भाग के उत्तर में कहा गया है कि यह बात सही है और दूसरे तथा तीसरे भाग के उत्तर में कहा गया है कि सरकार को इस बारे में खबर नहीं है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि वहाँ पर हमारी एम्बेसी है, हमारे राजदूत वहाँ पर रहते हैं, यू० एन० ओ० में हमारे रिप्रेजेन्टिच हैं, वे सब क्या करते हैं।

श्री ब० रा० भगत : इस सम्बन्ध में जो कमेटी बनी थी, उसमें पाकिस्तान ने क्या किया, इस की सीधी सूचना हमारे पास नहीं है, क्योंकि हिन्दुस्तान उस कमेटी का मेम्बर नहीं है। माननीय सदस्य स्वयं विचार कर सकते हैं कि किसी सुनी हुई बात के आधार पर हमारी ओर से कुछ कहना कहां तक उचित होगा।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : एक न्यूजिलियर पावर होते हुए भी चाइना इस मीटिंग को एटेंड करने जा रहा है, इस बारे में भारत सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

श्री ब० रा० भगत : हमारे पास ऐसी कोई सूचना नहीं है कि पाकिस्तान ने चाइना को इस कमेटी में बुलाने के लिए कोई इन्निशिएटिव लिया है। यदि यह बात सही है कि वहाँ पर जो प्रस्ताव पास हुआ, उसमें यह कहा गया कि दुनिया के जितने अणु शक्ति रखने वाले या बनाने वाले देश हैं, उन को बुलाया जाये, तो इनमें चीन भी शामिल है, क्योंकि उस के पास अणु-शक्ति है।

SHRI D. C. SHARMA : China, of course, is a menace, whether in the non-nuclear sphere or in the nuclear sphere. May I know what advantages will accrue to the world, and if possible to India in the eyes of the world, if China is asked to attend this meeting of non-nuclear nations but is kept out of the nuclear nations and out of the Treaty on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : So far as this question is concerned, we have said that actually we support world disarmament and both nuclear and non-nuclear powers may attend the meeting, and China also may attend the meeting because it is a big country and has the nuclear capacity. Therefore, any discussion on the disarmament question without China being there will be hampered. That is our position. So far as this question is concerned, it is a question of a Conference of non-nuclear powers, in which nuclear powers also may attend and participate but may not vote.

श्री कंबर लाल गुप्त : चीन इस मीटिंग में भाग ले या न ले, इस बात को छोड़ कर भी इस सम्बन्ध में भारत का लैटैस्ट स्टैंड क्या है कि क्या वह न्यूक्लियर पावर की डेवेलपमेंट के अधिकार को कभी भी नहीं छोड़ेगा या उसने इस बारे में कोई शर्तें रखी हैं ?

श्री ड० रा० भगत : वह तो एक अलग सवाल है। जहाँ तक नान-प्रोलिफरेशन ट्रीटी की बात है, हम ने यह बात बिल्कुल स्पष्ट कर दी है कि जहाँ तक शान्तिमय उपायों से अणु-शक्ति के विकास का सम्बन्ध है उसमें हमारे लिए राष्ट्रीय हित में नहीं होगा कि हम किसी तरह की पाबन्दी करें। यह बात स्पष्ट कह दी गई है।

SHRI HEM BARUA : May I submit, Sir, that this is the meeting of non-nuclear nations. It has nothing to do with the non-proliferation treaty.

MR. SPEAKER : He said that and the Minister has corrected it. Next question, Mr. Lakkappa.

SHRI M. L. SONDHI rose : It is an important question, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : As nobody got up, I passed on to the next question.

GUIDE-LINES FOR INDIAN DIPLOMATS ABROAD

*424. **SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any guidelines issued by his Ministry to the Indian Am-

bassadors and representatives attached to the various countries to appraise the foreign policy of India periodically; and

(b) if so, whether any reports are received about the performance of the Indian representatives in foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Indian Ambassadors and representatives abroad frequently receive directives from the Ministry of External Affairs on how to project India's foreign policy, and specific directions regarding problems which arise from time to time.

(b) Annual confidential reports are recorded on India-based personnel in Missions abroad, other than Heads of Missions and Posts, whose performance is judged by their general effectiveness in the areas where they are serving.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : During my recent visit to the Middle East and European countries I found that the foreign policy of India has not been understood by our Diplomats and representatives serving there and the image of India has not been put forth correctly. But I found one thing: the cinema stars of India—Raj Kapoor and Vijayantimala—are more popular than our leaders. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Order, order.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : As a result, the Indo-Pak conflict and the actual position about the claim of Pakistan to Kashmir have not been correctly explained by our representatives.

Secondly, may I know whether the Government of India have received the recommendations of the Pillai Committee regarding guide-lines to our representatives abroad; if so, have the recommendations been implemented, if not, why and at what stage is it pending?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : As far as the cinema stars are concerned, they are popular in all situations. But as far as our policy and our image are concerned, the fear that our projection is not adequate or proper, is not a fact. With all our missions we are in constant touch, almost daily with most of them and we brief them we get their reports; a constant assessment