

सभी दलों के साथ निरन्तर सम्पर्क बनाए हुए हैं ताकि पुनः शान्ति स्थापित करने में मदद मिल सके। हमारे विचार में, पेरिस वार्ता में पर्याप्त प्रगति तथा लाभों में विभिन्न दलों के बीच विचार-विमर्शों से फिलहाल शान्ति स्थापित करने की दिशा में प्रगति के लिए अच्छे अवसर मिल सकते हैं। जब भी एशियाई देशों का सम्मेलन उपयुक्त होगा और उससे शान्ति स्थापना की प्रगति में मदद मिल सकेगी, सरकार अन्य सम्बन्धित देशों के साथ इस दिशा में पहल करने से नहीं हिचकिचाएगी। किन्तु सरकार ऐसे किसी सम्मेलन बुलाने के पक्ष में नहीं है जिससे एशियाई देशों में फूट पड़े और इस प्रकार केवल तनाव ही बढ़े।

Underground Atomic Explosion

*503. SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL :
SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA :
SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA :
SHRI SRADHAKAR
SUPAKAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has any plan to have an underground test explosion of bombs ; and

(b) whether the test will be purely for the purpose of utilising nuclear power for peaceful purposes ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b). No, Sir, Government do not have any plan for underground test explosion of bombs. Presumably, the Hon'ble Members have in mind Government's policy regarding the undertaking of peaceful nuclear explosions. The A.E.C. is interested in studying situations under which peaceful nuclear explosions carried out underground can be of economic benefit to India.

Modernising Indian Air Force

*504. SHRI R. K. BIRLA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to modernise Indian Air Force ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether similar steps are being taken in the Army and Navy also ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJWAN RAM) : (a) to (c). An outline of the various measures which have already been taken for the modernisation of the three Defence Forces is given in the Annual Report of the Ministry of Defence 1969-70. In the case of the Air Force, steps have already been taken and a re-equipment plan made for the building up of a modern and balanced 45 Squadron Force. Surface to air guided weapon complexes have been installed in vital areas and plans have been drawn up for a modern air defence environment system. The Army is now better equipped and better trained than before. The teeth to tail ratio has been improved over the years. Further modernisation proposals which have been approved will add to its fire power. In the case of the Navy, modernisation proposals include the establishment of a Submarine Arm, the procurement of new ships, the construction in India of Frigates, Seaward Defence Boats, tugs and other ancillary vessels.

Non-Utilisation of Agricultural Land due to Non-Fulfillment of Irrigation Targets

*505. SHRI VIRENDRAKUMAR SHAH : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether audit reports of Damodar Valley Corporation have repeatedly pointed out to a persistent neglect of irrigation targets ;

(b) whether 10 years after the completion of the Chambal project, there were no plans for field channels to serve the countryside ;