

### Disarmament Talks

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- \*982. { Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:  
Shri Ram Krishna Gupta:  
Shri Chuni Lal:  
Shri Shree Narayan Das:  
Shri Radha Raman:  
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:  
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have any information regarding the resumption of disarmament talks;

(b) what progress, if any, has been made in the matter; and

(c) whether Government of India have taken any initiative or action in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) and (b). Apart from general discussions in the United Nations General Assembly, multilateral negotiations on disarmament have been in abeyance since the breakdown of the 10 nation Geneva Conference, on the subject, in June, 1960. It was hoped that negotiations might be resumed as a result of direct preliminary talks which were agreed upon by the Governments of the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.; representatives of these two Governments met in June and in July this year, but no agreement on the resumption of larger scale talks has so far been reached. The issue is on the agenda of the forthcoming General Assembly Session, when the various resolutions put forward last year, which were postponed pending the outcome of the Soviet-American talks, will again come up for discussion.

(c) One of the resolutions submitted to the General Assembly has been co-sponsored by India. It calls for the resumption of negotiations and indicates the general directives to be followed. It is the intention of Government to press for the adoption of this resolution, subject to whatever other action may be indicated in the

light of developments between now and the debate in the General Assembly.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know whether our initiative and effort for the Summit Conference is also to help breaking this deadlock on disarmament talks? If so, what is the reaction of the Western Powers?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: Yes, Sir.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: What is the reaction of the Western Powers?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): We have no idea as to what other peoples' reactions are. We can only guess.

### Aluminium Plants

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- \*984. { Shri Kunhan:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals to set up additional Aluminium plants in India during the Third Plan period; and

(b) if so, at which places?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

### STATEMENT

In addition to the Public Sector project for manufacture of 25,000 tons aluminium per annum in collaboration with Hungary for which exploratory work is already in hand and for which Hungarian Government has already agreed to extend suitable long term rupee payment credit, Government have also received applications for grant of licences under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, for establishment of additional capacity for aluminium ingots