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## LOK SABHA

Thursday, 5th September, 1957.

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### Revision of U.N. Charter

\*1489. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India participated in the discussion in the United Nations Assembly regarding the revision of U.N. Charter; and

(b) if so, what were the views expressed by its spokesman?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Our representative stated that the present time was not appropriate for reviewing the Charter. He urged that the Committee, set up to consider the fixing of time and place for a General Conference to review the Charter, should continue and be requested to make its recommendations not later than its 14th session that is in 1959. (These views of India were shared by several other countries and a resolution in this sense was adopted by the Assembly without opposition).

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** What were the reasons which weighed with the Government of India to say that the time for the revision of the Charter was not propitious just now?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** It was thought that the international situation should ease a little more and also that the UNO itself should become more representative of the peoples of the world.

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**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know if the Government of India had a suggestion under review that the representation at the UNO should be on the population basis?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** No, Sir. We did not and we do not think that it is a feasible proposition.

#### Displaced Persons from East Pakistan

\*1491. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state the number of East Pakistan displaced persons sent to camps in Orissa since 1950 and the number permanently rehabilitated so far?

**The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna):** Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

**Shri H. M. Mukerjee:** What steps have been taken by the Government to ensure that the refugees are so placed in camps that they can earn their livelihood either through the camps being linked with some Plan projects or community development schemes or something like that so that they are not compelled by sheer distress to desert the camps as has often happened in the case of Orissa?

**Shri Mehr Chand Khanna:** There is only one camp in Orissa—Charbatia. There we have about 4,000 persons who have been recently moved from West Bengal into Orissa. We have already a scheme in our hand for the expansion of the Chikta foreshore lake—about 2500 acres. I am also