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(Part I—Questions and Answers)

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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Saturday, 28th June, 1952

*The House met at a Quarter Past
Eight of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Short Notice Question and Answer

**U.N. AIR RAID ON KOREAN-MANCHURIAN
BORDER**

Shri Venkataraman: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to make a statement whether the United Nations forces in Korea have launched air raids on the power plants on the Korean-Manchurian border and the consequences of these air raids on world peace?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Yes. Air raids took place on power plants near and on the Korean-Manchurian border.

Government are not associated in any way with the military operations in Korea. They are anxious, however, that these operations should cease and that there should be a cease-fire leading to a settlement of the various problems at issue. Any possible extension of these military operations might imperil world peace. As is well known, attempts are being made to arrive at a satisfactory solution in regard to a cease-fire and truce in Korea and a good deal of progress in this direction has been made, though there still remain one or two problems to be solved. Any step taken that might come in the way of this settlement is most unfortunate and to be regretted.

Although Government are not participants in the Korean War, as a member nation of the United Nations an indirect responsibility rests upon them also in regard to any operations

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conducted in the name of the United Nations, more especially when such operations might lead to an extension of the area of conflict. Government are disturbed at the thought that the future of the United Nations and of war and peace might be decided without proper consultation and might depend ultimately on the discretion of military commanders, who will naturally think much more of local military objectives than of larger questions affecting the world. The primary consideration, in the view of Government, should be the maintenance of world peace and, in Korea, a successful conclusion of the present talks on cease-fire and truce.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee rose.—

Mr. Speaker: No supplementary questions. When a statement is made, hon. Members have to consider it and then table any questions they wish to ask.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

LIMESTONE AND GYPSUM

*1295. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state whether any investigation of limestone and gypsum for manufacturing lime was carried out in the Gurdaspur District of Punjab State during the year 1951-52?

(b) If so, what was the result of the investigation?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) and (b). The Director, Geological Survey of India, reports that a preliminary investigation of limestone and gypsum in the Gurdaspur district was carried out in the field season 1950-51 but was not continued during 1951-52. Limestone is found as boulders in (1) the