

Eisenhower Plan

†

- *379. { **Shri Sadhan Gupta:**
Shri Anthony Pillai:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether **Government** are aware that **Pakistan** has been officially informed by the **United States** that the **Eisenhower plan** covers that country; and

(b) if so, whether the application of the plan to **Pakistan** poses a threat to the security of our country?

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

(a) **Government of India** have no information whether **Pakistan** has been officially informed by the **United States Government** that the **Eisenhower Plan** for the **Middle East** covers that country. However, according to **Press reports**, the **Pakistan Government** have endorsed the **Plan**.

(b) **Government of India** have no information what assistance will be given to **Pakistan** under the **Eisenhower Plan**. But any assistance which increases **Pakistan's** military potential is bound to have repercussions on **India's** security arrangements.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: May I know if the attention of **Government** has been drawn to **Press reports** published in this country that **Pakistan** has been officially informed that the **Eisenhower Plan** covers that country and, as a consequence, **Pakistan** is entitled to ask for and obtain more military assistance, apart from economic assistance; if so, whether any enquiries have been made from the **United States Government** in this respect?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The answer to the original question itself, which was read out, referred to **Press reports**. We do not know, apart from **Press reports**, what is being done. But we do know that a representative of the **United States**

Government was there some weeks ago and it appeared that **Pakistan** has accepted this.

As for the second part of the hon. Member's question—what was it?

Mr. Speaker: Whether the matter has been taken up with the **United States Government**.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: These matters have been frequently, at several times, discussed with the **United States Government**—not this particular matter, but the whole context of military aid being given to the **Pakistan Government**.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: While the **Prime Minister** was in the **United States**, did the matter of rendering military aid to **Pakistan** under the **Eisenhower Plan** come up for discussion and if so, what was the nature of the discussion on this matter?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: When I went to the **United States**, there was no **Eisenhower Plan** at that time.

Shri Anthony Pillai: May I know whether there was any consultation with the **Bandung Powers** with a view to lodge a formal protest against the **Eisenhower Plan**?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: No, Sir. It is not for us to protest against any **Government** statement or activity. When it affects us in any sense, then we express our views about it.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether any precise information is available with the **Government of India** as to the extent of the **Eisenhower doctrine** or plan has been accepted in the **Middle East** and **North African** countries and to what extent they have been not accepted?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I think it is public information in the press as to what countries in **Western Asia** have approved of that doctrine or accepted it and what have not. There is nothing specially secret about it.