

(b) None.

(c) Does not arise.

Pugwash Conference of Scientists

268. Shri Shee Narayan Das: Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have in any way interested themselves in the activities of scientists who recently met in Pugwash Conference in London and discussed problems of disarmament and world security;

(b) if so, the nature and manner of India's participation so far; and

(c) whether the next Conference will be held in India?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs, Defence and Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). The International Conferences on Science and World Affairs, known as Pugwash Conferences, are non-official conferences which are attended by eminent scientists of various countries in their personal capacity. They owe their origin to a suggestion made by the Prime Minister in 1954 regarding the setting up of a Committee of Scientists to explain to the world the effect a war would have on humanity. This idea was pursued further by the Atomic Scientists' Association in Great Britain and the Federation of American Scientists in the USA and discussions were held subsequently with other scientists, including Soviet scientists.

The 10th Conference in the series was held in London from the 3rd to the 7th of September 1962 and was attended by Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis in his personal capacity. The record of the discussions at the Conference has not yet been published

Although the Government of India are not directly concerned in these non-official conferences, they support the Pugwash movement and believe that scientists can make significant contribution towards peace and disarmament as well as towards helping developing nations to modernise and

secure the benefits of scientific progress. At the request of the organisers of the 10th Conference, the Prime Minister sent a message wishing success to the Conference.

Besides the 10th Conference, the 3rd Conference held in Austria in September, 1958, was attended by Dr. H. J. Bhabha, Dr. K. S. Krishnan and Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis, the 5th Conference held in Pugwash, Canada, in August 1959 by Dr. M. L. Ahuja and the 9th Conference held in Cambridge in August, 1962 by Dr. Vikram Sarabhai.

(c) A suggestion has been made that the next conference be held in India. No final decision has, however, yet been reached.

Atomic Power Station at Tarapore

269. } Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
 Shri Eswara Reddy:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:
 Shri Nambiar:
 Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
 Shri K. N. Tiwary:
 Shri Mohsin:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri S. B. Patil:
 Shri Kapur Singh:
 Shri P. K. Ghosh:
 Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Morarka:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are facing certain difficulties in making arrangements for foreign financial and technical collaboration to set up its first Atomic Power station at Tarapore near Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are those difficulties, and what steps are being taken to overcome them?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs, Defence and Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

लन्दन में गांधी स्मारक

२७०. { श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :
श्री जगदेवसिंह सिद्धान्ती :
श्री वासुदेवन नायर :

कत प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जब वे राष्ट्र मंडलीय प्रधान मंत्रियों के सम्मेलन में भाग लेने लन्दन गये थे तो वहां उन्हें गांधी स्मारक के लिये एक भूमि खंड भेंट किया गया था;

(ख) इस गांधी स्मारक को बनाने की क्या कोई योजना तैयार कर ली गई है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उस का विवरण क्या है और कब तक उस योजना को कार्यान्वित किया जा सकेगा; और

(घ) इस योजना को कार्यान्वित करने पर कितना धन व्यय होगा ?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा वंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री प्रतिरक्षा तथा ग्रन्थ शक्ति मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) :

(क) और (ख). लंदन में बरो काउन्सिल आफ सेंट पैक्रियाज ने महात्मा गांधी की मूर्ति की स्थापना के लिये जमीन दी है। इस मूर्ति के लिये आर्डर दे दिया गया है और जब वह तैयार हो जायेगी, तब इस जमीन पर स्थापित कर दी जायेगी।

(ग) और (घ). इस पर जो खर्च आयेगा, उस की कोई और ब्यौरेवार जानकारी हमारे पास नहीं है। लोगों से चन्दा ले कर यह खर्च किया जा रहा है। इस काम के लिये एक समिति बना दी गई है।

Raid by Pakistanis on Jammu and Kashmir Border

271. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani Force again became active on the Chhamb border near Jammu in the first-second week of September this year;

(b) if so, how many firing and counter-firing incidents were involved in connection with these activities; and

(c) how many persons were killed/injured in these incidents on either side?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs, Defence and Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There were three incidents during the first-second week of September, 1962—one on the 6th September and two on the 10th September. Our border police had to return the fire in self-defence in the two incidents on the 10th September, 1962.

(c) One Indian was injured.

Plantation Workers

272. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Annual Conference of the Estates Staff Union was held in Coimbatore in the second week of September;

(b) if so, what main demands were voiced at the conference for the betterment of the plantation workers; and

(c) what decisions/actions have been taken by Central Government and the State Governments concerned on these demands?