

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) to (c). Government are not aware of any direct attempt made by Pakistan to buy 600 American made M-47 tanks from West Germany. However, it was reported that Pakistan was negotiating through a third country to buy 200 odd American made M-47 tanks from West Germany. We took up this question with the concerned Governments expressing our apprehension that these tanks may find their way to Pakistan. According to our information the transaction did not materialize.

**Homes for Invalid Ex-Servicemen**

731. Shri Sharda Nand:  
Shri J. B. Singh:  
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:  
Shri Ranjit Singh:  
Shri Indrajit Gupta:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme to set up homes for invalid and old ex-servicemen has been formulated;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the locations of such homes?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) A proposal to set up a Paraplegic Home in the North on the lines of the Red Cross Home in Bangalore is under consideration of Government.

(b) and (c). The details as well as location of the Home are yet to be settled.

**Theft of Tyres and Tubes from Palam Airport**

732. Shri Sharda Nand:  
Shri J. B. Singh:  
Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan:  
Shri Ranjit Singh:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 9 on the 20th March, 1967 regarding the theft of

tyres and tubes from Palam Airport and state:

(a) whether the investigation into the theft of tyres and tubes has since been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how long it will take to complete the investigation?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). The case is still under investigation.

(c) The investigation is likely to be completed shortly but no definite date of completion can be indicated.

**Talks with Nagas**

733. Shri Swell:  
Dr. Karni Singh:  
Shri R. K. Birla:  
Shri Kikar Singh:  
Shri Kolar Birua:  
Shri D. N. Patodia:  
Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:  
Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:  
Shri E. S. Vidyarthi:  
Shri Mohan:  
Shri Bibhut Mishra:  
Shri K. N. Tiwary:  
Shri E. Barua:  
Shri S. K. Tapariah:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the talks held by the Prime Minister with the rebel Naga leaders;

(b) when an agreement is likely to be arrived at;

(c) the number of violent incidents in which the Naga rebels indulged during the last six months;

(d) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Naga rebel leaders that they are regularly seeking help from Pakistan, if so, what is their reaction thereto; and

(e) whether Government have taken any measures to prevent Pakistani help going to Nagas?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) and (b). The talks that have been held so far on five different occasions with the representatives of the Naga Underground were of an exploratory nature. During the talks efforts were made to find areas of general agreement against the background of the Government of India's clear position on the subject, namely, that Nagaland is an integral part of the Indian Union. Although the Underground Delegation maintained that they were then not in a position to make a departure from the stand that they have publicly taken they have agreed to think over the matter in the light of the discussions held so far and have expressed their desire to hold further talks on the subject at a future date. In keeping with their desire to seek a peaceful solution, the Government of India have expressed their willingness to hold further talks.

(a) whether Government's attending the six months upto the 30th April, 1967, is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-426/67].

(d) Yes, Sir. They either denied any knowledge of or hand in such activities or explained this to be the work of some irresponsible persons.

(e) Constant vigilance is being maintained to prevent help from Pakistan to Naga hostiles. In spite of our best efforts, however, some elements do manage to sneak in and out of Pakistan because of the very difficult terrain.

#### Rhodesia

734. Shri Indrajit Gupta:  
 Shri D. C. Sharma:  
 Shri Madhu Limaye:  
 Shri S. M. Bannerjee:  
 Shri S. M. Joshi:  
 Shri George Fernandes:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.N. efforts to introduce selective mandatory sanctions against Rhodesia have so far failed to produce any results due to the non-cooperation

of Western powers in applying the sanctions; and

(b) if so, the steps India propose to take in cooperation with the African countries to ensure early downfall of the illegal Smith regime in Rhodesia?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) The selective mandatory sanctions imposed by the Security Council against Rhodesia in December, 1966, have so far failed to produce the desired results mainly because South Africa and Portugal have refused to co-operate in the application of sanctions against the illegal Smith regime.

(b) India has always whole-heartedly supported the African countries in their demand that Britain, which is legally responsible for restoring Constitutional rule in Rhodesia, should use force to bring down the illegal regime if economic sanctions fail to achieve this. We continue to support that demand. Our entire attitude towards this issue is completely in accord with progressive African thinking.

Walk-out by Indian diplomats from a reception in Peking

735. Shri Hem Barna:  
 Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian diplomats walked out of the celebrations in Peking organised on the occasion of Pakistan National Day on the 23rd March, 1967; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Our Charge d' Affairs, Mr. R. D. Sathe, Mrs. Sathe and two other officers of the Embassy walked out of the reception given by the Pakistan Ambassador in Peking on March 23 to celebrate their National Day.

They did this as a protest when the Chinese Foreign Minister, Chen Yi, during his speech on the occasion referred insultingly to India as "expansionist Indian reactionaries."