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Summary:

Transcript of questions and answers between members of the Rajya Sabha and the Minister of External Affairs, Shri Surendra Pal Singh, on a report that India opposes the non-first-use policy.

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से मई 1972 की लगभग एक करोड़ बारह लाख रुपये को निधि अनुमोदित सप्टरी प्रभितियों में नई लगाई ।

(ख) दिल्ली में ऐसा कोई सप्टरी उपकरण नहीं है ।

(ग) दिल्ली प्रशासन को जो इस सम्बन्ध में उचित सकार है, मुकदमा चलाने और दिल्ली परिवहन निगम की छूट रद्द करने के लिए लिखा गया है । यह मामला विचाराधीन है । इस सम्बन्ध में जहाजरानी तथा परिवहन मंत्रालय को भी लिखा गया था, जिन्होंने यह सूचित किया है कि 30 लाख रुपये का अर्थोपाय ऋण दिल्ली परिवहन निगम को मंजूर कर दिया गया है ताकि निगम उसे कर्मचारियों के हिस्से की भविष्य निधि में लग सकें ।

† [THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR): The Provident Fund Authorities have reported as under:—

(a) The Delhi Transport Corporation (formerly Delhi Transport Undertaking) is an exempted establishment in the Delhi region and is required to deposit the Provident Fund dues with its Board of Trustees. It has been ascertained that it has not invested a sum of about Rs. 112 lakhs pertaining to July, 1968 to May, 1972 in the approved Government Securities.

(b) There is no such public sector undertaking in Delhi.

(c) The Delhi Administration who are the appropriate Government in this behalf, had been moved to accord approval for launching prosecution and cancellation of the exemption of the Delhi Transport Corporation. The matter is under their consideration. A reference was also made in this regard to Ministry of Shipping and Transport who have intimated that a ways and

† [] English translation.

means loan of Rs. 30 lakhs has since been sanctioned to the Delhi Transport Corporation to enable it to make investments towards the employees' share of Provident Fund accumulations.]

DECLARATION OF NON-FIRST-USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

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SHRI SYED AHMAD :
SHRI SITARAM KESRI :
SHRI CHANDRA
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SHRI KRISHAN KANT :
SHRI D. P. SINGH :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the press report regarding the Prime Minister's comments on the Moscow Agreement evincing interest in getting a declaration of non-first use of nuclear weapons from the nuclear powers; and

(b) if so, what steps Government is taking to pursue this proposal ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have seen the press report in the Times of India. But it is entirely without foundation. This particular issue was not discussed in the Congress Working Committee. Government's views on this matter are well known. The Government of India have always been, and continue to be, totally opposed to the use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons and are convinced that the total prohibition of such use is essential to the welfare and, indeed, the survival of humanity.

RECOGNITION OF P.R.G. OF SOUTH VIETNAM

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SANYAL :
SHRI MONORANJAN ROY :