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**Summary:**

Transcript of questions and answers between members of the Rajya Sabha and the Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs, Shrimati Lakshmi N. Menon, on India's participation in the 18 nation Disarmament Committee in Geneva and the role India has played.

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the Pakistani armed forces during the recent Pakistan aggression in the Rann of Kutch; and

(b) the number of Pakistanis taken prisoner by the Indian defence service personnel there?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): (a) Sixteen.

(b) Five.

PEACE COUNCIL CONGRESS, HELSINKI

\*328. SHRI M. P. BHARAGAVA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian delegation of 100 members was permitted to attend the Peace Council Congress recently held at Helsinki;

(b) what were the reasons for permitting such a large delegation in spite of foreign exchange difficulties; and

(c) whether the full personnel of the Indian delegation was approved by the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India did not object to the All India Peace Council sending a delegation of 100 members to the world Peace Congress in Helsinki.

(b) Permission was given on the basis of a written statement by the General Secretary of the All India Peace Council that no foreign exchange was required by the delegation for their travel to and stay abroad. The size of this delegation was in keeping with earlier delegations; 80 in 1955, 90 in 1958 and 134 in 1962.

(c) No, Sir. The selection was made by the All India Peace Council. The Delegation included 8 Members of Parliament, 18 Members of State Legislative Assemblies and Councils and several writers, scientists, artists, etc.

#### DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

\*329. { SHRI U. S. DUGAL:  
SHRI JAGAT NARAIN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India participated in Disarmament Conference held in July, 1965 at Geneva; and

(b) if so, what role the Indian delegation played at the Conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON): (a) India has been participating in the meetings of the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee, which has been in session in Geneva since the 27th July, 1965.

(b) The Indian delegation has put forward proposals on various aspects of disarmament and more particularly on the conclusion of a treaty to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

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375. श्री भगवत नारायण भागवत : क्या सूचना तथा प्रसारण मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) 1964-65 के वर्ष में “बिल्डसं आफ माडर्न इण्डिया” प्रकाशन माला के अन्तर्गत हिन्दी, अंग्रेजी और अन्य भाषाओं में कितनी-कितनी जीवनियाँ निकाली गईं; और

(ख) इस प्रकाशनमाला के अन्तर्गत जो पुस्तकें प्रकाशित हो चुकी हैं अथवा जो होने वाली हैं क्या सरकार उन्हें हिन्दी में प्रकाशित करने का विचार रखती है ?