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**Lakshmi Menon's Statement Before Rajya Sabha on
the Swedish Resolution on Non-Dissemination of
Nuclear Weapons**

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SWEDISH RESOLUTION ON NON-DISSEMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): Madam, in answer to a supplementary question relating to Starred Question No. 72 in the Rajya Sabha on April 25, I indicated that the Swedish Resolution regarding the non-dissemination of nuclear weapons was passed unanimously. In fact, the Swedish Resolution, No. 1664 (XVI), was passed by 58 votes in favour, with 10 against and 23 abstentions. No roll-call was taken and the way individual States voted is, therefore, not on record, but the Indian Delegation voted for the proposal.

ENQUIRY RE PROPOSED STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER RE COMMUNAL DISTURBANCES IN WEST BENGAL AND EAST PAKISTAN

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, before we begin the discussion on the Resolution, we were told that the Prime Minister would be making a statement on the situation in Dacca about the communal riots and also the situation in Mal'la. Now, I presume today is the last day and, therefore, I do not know what has happened to the statement. We are anxiously waiting for the statement to be made in this House, so that we can seek some clarifications also, if necessary.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Has Mrs. Menon anything to say on this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): Madam, the Prime Minister did intend to make a statement, but evidently he was not

aware of the fact that we were adjourning today. I will find out and most likely there will be a statement today.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: But then, Madam, it may be made in the afternoon, after lunch. We want notice, we should be told when it is going to be made, so that we may be able to be present here. Today is the last day.

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: I will find out and let you know.

RESOLUTION RE REINSTATEMENT OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE STRIKE OF JULY, 1960—
continued

SHRI ARJUN ARORA (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, when the subject was discussed last time, I submitted that the matter in dispute was dearness allowance. Subsequent developments have shown that the Government has honoured its commitments in the matter and the dearness allowance of Central Government employees has been substantially raised. That will show that the strike was unnecessary and the leaders of the strike asked the employees to go on strike only because they had political motives. As a matter of fact, I am told that responsible leaders of the Central Government employees were opposed to the strike, after the Prime Minister's stirring appeal, and even the Central Council of Action was going to accept the Feroze Gandhi formula, which would have made the strike unnecessary. It was then that some irresponsible elements in the Central Council of Action arranged a faked telephone call giving the leaders of the employees the hope that if they rejected the Feroze Gandhi formula, a more favourable offer would follow. Such were the people who asked the Central Government employees to begin their strike in July, 1960. There is no