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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, Lakshmi Menon, on the American rejection of Indian support to the Soviet Union for their proposal for a nuclear umbrella.

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1797 *Written Answers* [RAJYA SABHA] to Questions 1798.

**PAKISTANI CLAIM OF PADDY FIELD IN
TRIPURA**

*255. **SHRI T. M. DASGUPTA:** Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that East-Pakistani authorities are claiming about 92 acres of paddyfield in Vidhyabill of the Khowai Sub-Division of Tripura;

(b) whether it is fact that Pakistani nationals backed by the armed forces had looted away the whole paddy crops of those areas during the last harvest; and

(c) whether Pakistani authorities have constructed bunkers on the opposite side of the land?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON):** (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Bidyabill or Vidhyabill is in Pakistan. There is no question of any wrongful claim by Pakistan in Vidhyabill. However, about 88.05 acres of land in Karangichera Mouja, in the Khowai Sub-Division of Tripura are under illegal occupation of Pakistani nationals.

On 20th November, 1963, a large number of Pakistanis, backed by E.P.R. personnel, trespassed into the western side of river Udnachera and slightly damaged the standing crop of Shri Surendra Deb Barma.

In December, 1963, a report was received that E.P.R. personnel had dug trenches in Vidhyabill, on Pakistan territory, opposite the Indian village Karangichera.

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

*256. **SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA:** Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States rejected the Indian pro-

posal that the 18-nation Disarmament Conference should agree in 'principle' to the Soviet Plan calling for massive arms reduction in the first phase of disarmament; and

(b) if so, whether Government have received any communication from the Government of the United States in this regard and if so, what is the nature of the communication and what are the reasons given by the Government of the United States for rejection?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON):** (a) The United States has not accepted the Indian suggestion that the discussions in the Disarmament Conference would proceed more fruitfully and in detail if the Disarmament Committee accepted 'in principle' the thesis underlying the Soviet "nuclear umbrella" proposal, namely that all nuclear weapon delivery vehicles should be eliminated in the first stage of the disarmament process, with the exception of an agreed and strictly limited number of certain categories of missiles to be retained by the Soviet Union and the United States until the end of the last stage of disarmament.

(b) The Government have received no communication in this regard from the United States Government.

**STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT OF TUNISIA
ON KASHMIR**

*257. **SHRI A. M. TARIQ:** Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Stated Question No. 14 in the Rajya Sabha on 21st April, 1964 and state:

(a) whether Government have drawn the attention of the President of Tunisia towards his statement on Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what reply has been received from him?