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Summary:

Transcript of questions and answers between members of Rajya Sabha and the Minister of External Affairs, Shri M. C. Chagla, on India's strategy to convince countries like the U.A.R. and Yugoslavia to abstain from signing the NPT until India's demands have been met.

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NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

*587. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have in-
formed the non-aligned countries like
U.A.R. and Yugoslavia about the
attitude of India regarding the nu-
clear non-proliferation treaty;

(b) if so, what is their reaction in
the matter;

(c) whether they have taken a com-
mon stand with India for not signing
the treaty as long as India's demands
are not met?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) They informed us of their views.

(c) The views of U.A.R. and Yugo-
slavia are very close to ours though
not identical in all respects. The
question of evolving a common
stand has not arisen, especially as
there is yet no draft treaty before
the ENDC.

CANTONMENT BOARDS IN THE COUNTRY

*588. SHRI M. M. DHARIA;
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be

pleased to state the number of Canton-
ment Boards in the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE
(SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): There
are sixty-two Cantonment Boards in
the country.

SERVICES IN THE ARMED FORCES BY THE NEWLY APPOINTED DOCTORS AND ENGINEERS

*589. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that service
in the Armed Forces for a certain
period has been made compulsory to
the newly appointed doctors and
engineers by certain State Govern-
ments at the instance of the Govern-
ment of India;

(b) if so, the names of such States;
and

(c) whether other State Govern-
ments have refused to co-operate in
the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE
(SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a)
Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement is placed
on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The position regarding the amendment of the Recruiting rules to provide for Compul-
sory Service Liability in the Armed Forces by different States is as under :—

Name of the State	Engineering posts	Medical posts
Andhra Pradesh . . .	Rules amended	Rules amended.
Assam . . .	Rules amended	Rules amended.
Bihar . . .	Rules amended	Rules amended.
Gujarat . . .	Rules amended	Rules amended.
Jammu and Kashmir . .	Rules are being amended.	Rules not amended.