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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE**STATEMENT CONTAINING MAIN CONCLUSIONS OF THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE ON PLANTATIONS**

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RATANLAL KISHORI-LAL MALVIYA) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement containing the main conclusions of the Eleventh Session of the Industrial Committee on Plantations held in New Delhi on the 30th and 31st October, 1964. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3553/64].

TEXT OF THE CONVENTION AND RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED AT THE 47TH SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE

SHRI RATANLAL KISHORILAL MALVIYA: Sir, also I beg to lay on the Table the Text of the Convention and Recommendation adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 47th Session held at Geneva in June, 1963, together with a statement indicating the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government of India thereon. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3554/64.]

ENQUIRY *RE* CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE ABOUT PRIME MINISTER'S PROPOSAL FOR NON-NUCLEAR SHIELD FOR NON-NUCLEAR POWERS

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal): Sir, I gave a calling attention notice with regard to the newspaper report that the Prime Minister, while he was in London and was having his talks with the British Prime Minister, discussed a proposal for the so-called nuclear shield for the non-aligned powers, and this has certainly created very serious repercussions in various countries. I should like to know what exactly is the position. Initially it was thought that there was no truth in this news. Now the

Prime Minister's own statement makes it clear that this matter of nuclear shield was discussed in England, some sort of a nuclear umbrella.

SHRI C. D. PANDE (Uttar Pradesh): Jointly with other powers.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I know that you would like to live under an American umbrella.

SHRI C. D. PANDE: Then you make the atom bomb.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: You do not believe in your own make. All that I would like is that the Prime Minister must make a statement on this subject. I would not like to hustle but since this matter has got the newspaper headlines not only in this country but other countries, I think the Prime Minister will be well advised to make a statement on the subject of this business of nuclear shield. We would like to know whether before making this proposal the Prime Minister had consultations with the Soviet Union. I cannot think of the Soviet Union and America being pulled together in this matter.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have sent on your notice to the Prime Minister.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: The sooner it is made the better.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO PROF. A. R. WADIA

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that the following letter dated the 1st December, 1964, has been received from Prof. A. R. Wadia;

"I have not been keeping well. I was hoping to be able to attend the current Rajya Sabha Session at least in December. But under medical advice I have to apply for leave of absence during the whole of the current session. I shall be grateful