(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard and whether they have received any communication in this respect from the Chinese Government?]

Written Answers

वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह): (क) नाभिकीय णस्तों पर रोक लगाने तथा उन्हें नष्ट करने के सम्बन्ध में विचार-विमर्श करने के लिए चीन ने 1963 में, विख्व के सभी देशों का एक शिखर सम्मेलन बुलाने का प्रस्ताव रखा था। हाल में, राष्ट्रपति याह्या खां की पेकिंग-यात्रा के अन्त में जो संयुक्त विज्ञप्ति जारी की गई थी, उसके अनुसार चीनी पक्ष ने इस प्रश्न का समर्थन करने के लिए पाकिस्तान पक्ष को धन्यबाद दिया।

(ख) सरकार को यह सम्मेलन बुलाने के सम्बन्ध में कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं मिला।

सरकार यह समझती है कि सामान्य तथा पूर्ण निरस्त्वीकरण, और विशेष रूप से नाभिकीय निरस्त्वीकरण की समस्या उन कठिन समस्याओं में एक है, जो संसार के सामने हैं। हमने सुसंगत रूप से ऐसे सभी प्रस्तावों का समर्थन किया है, जिनसे प्रभावकारी अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय नियंवण के अधीन, सामान्य तथा पूर्ण निरस्त्वीकरण पर शीघ्र समझौता होने में सहायता मिले ।

t[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) China had, in 1963, proposed a Summit Conference of all countries of the world to discuss, the prohibition and destruction of nuclear weapons. Recently, according to the joint communique issued after President Yahya Khan's visit to Peking, the Chinese side thanked the Pakistani side for its support of this proposal.

(b) Government have not received any proposal on the convening of this Conference.

Government believe that the problem of General and Complete disarmament, and in particular nuclear disarmament, is one of the crucial problems facing the world today. We have consistently supported all proposals which would facilitate the early conclusion of a treaty on General and Complete disarmament under effective international control.]

## **KIRIBURU PROJECT**

1040. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS : Will the Minister of PETRO LEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quality of iron ore assessed at the time of establishment of Kiriburu project by the National Mineral Development Corporation;

(b) whether that assessment has gone wrong in the matter of quality and quantity of high grade iron ore available there; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS, AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI NITI RAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY) : (a) The quality of run-of-mine iron ore at Kiriburu as assessed at the time of establishment of Kiriburu Project by the National Mineral Development Corporation was 61% Fe.

(b) No, Sir. The assessments with, respect to the quality as well as quantity of high grade iron ore available at the mine are correct.

(c) Does not arise.

## PROCUREMENT OF DRUGS BY S.T.C.

1041. SHRI INDER SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased  $t_0$  state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the S.T.C. have failed to procure many life saving drugs as a result of which the country is poised for an acute shortage in the near future ;

(b) whether as a result of the failure to procure sufficient stocks, the prices of drugs are going up; and

(c) if so, the names of the medicines that were to be procured by the S.T.C. during 1969 and 1970 and in respect of which there has been a significant short fall in procurement; and if so, the reasons for the same?