

New Delhi. They also lent the services of their experts for training of personnel in India and provided training facilities, at their own cost, for All India Radio officials, in Germany. The total assistance was Rs. 18 lakhs (pre-devaluation).

The German Government have also agreed to supply, as a free gift, equipment comprising of film processing plant, three audio tape recorders, two cine cameras, film editing accessories, etc. for setting up of a Film Unit in the Delhi Television Centre. Some of this equipment has already been received; the value of equipment offered is not known. They have also provided a Sound Engineer, a Processing Engineer and a Specialist on programme production, for training of Indian personnel.

HANOI'S FRESH PLAN FOR PEACE IN VIETNAM

1335. PROF. SHANTILAL KOTHARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hanoi recently made a fresh plan for peace in Vietnam; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) The Government of India are not aware of any such fresh plan.

(b) Does not arise.

†पाकिस्तान द्वारा आसाम हथियाने का प्रयत्न

1257. श्रीमती विद्यावती चतुर्वेदी : क्या प्रधानमंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान इस बात का प्रयत्न कर रहा है कि आसाम राज्य के कुछ भाग को पाकिस्तान में मिला लिया जाये; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस विषय में क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

‡[GRABBING OF ASSAM BY PAKISTAN

1257. SHRIMATI VIDYAWATI CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is making efforts to include a part of Assam State in its territory; and

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‡[] English translation.

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this connection ?]

प्रधानमंत्री तथा वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

†[THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

‡CHIEF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1487. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the broad decisions taken at the recent conference of the Chief Ministers held in Delhi on the 1st/2nd December, 1967?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): Presumably the reference is to the meeting of the National Development Council held on 1st and 2nd December, 1967. The Council discussed *inter alia* the background and policy implications of the Annual Plan for 1968-69. The Council endorsed the proposal that the Fourth Five Year Plan should cover the period 1969-70 to 1973-74. A statement on this subject was made by the Prime Minister in the House on 6-12-1967. The Council noted the need for making larger efforts in raising resources. The Planning Commission's suggestion to merge agriculture income-tax with general income-tax was discussed. It was decided that the Commission should set up a Committee to study the question of mobilisation of additional resources from the rural sector. The Council also decided to set up Regional Committees to go into the question of electricity and water rates. The Council recognised the need for stabilisation of agricultural prices and the building up of buffer stocks. Regarding the principles governing the allocation of Central assistance to States, the Council decided that these questions be reviewed after the recommendations from the Administrative Reforms Commission on these matters were received. The Council endorsed the proposal to reorganise the Committee on Plan Projects and its incorporation in a composite Evaluation Wing of the Planning Commission.

†[] English translation.

‡Transferred from the 22nd December, 1967.