

SHRIM. M. DHARIA : Mr. Chairman, Sir, we are happy that the Government has taken a clear cut stand on this matter but if we want to make this stand more effective is it not necessary to create our own lobby particularly when nearly 20 countries have not signed and are not party to this treaty? Why should we not have our own consultation with those countries and why should we not create an atmosphere in the whole world? And why should we not have a lobby of our own for that purpose? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. R. BHAGAT : That very word itself smacks rather of partisanship. I think the very fact that we have not tried to build up a lobby and propagate against it but confined ourselves to stating our position precisely and clearly has evoked wider appreciation than what any lobby could have done.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question No. 94.

श्री राजनारायण : श्रीमान्, एक निवेदन है, वह 94 जो क्वेश्चन है उसी से मिलता जुलता क्वेश्चन है। 109 जरा देख लिया जाय तो 109 और 94 इन दोनों को एक साथ ले लिया जाय तो क्या हर्ज है?

श्री ए० जी० कुलकर्णी : पहले आप बोलें तो सब ठीक हो जाय।

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : One advantage of it is my friend, Mr. Rajnarain, can immediately ask supplementaries.

श्री० ए० जी० कुलकर्णी : पहले आप को पूछने दिया जाय तो सब ठीक हो जाता है।

MR. CHAIRMAN : All right; agreed.

SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS : I entirely agree with this decision but you must remember on other occasions you have said that you would not agree . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : I am certain I have never said that. Certainly I shall have to use my discretion.

श्री राजनारायण : बांक बिहारी जी गलत हैं। आपने कभी ऐसा नहीं कहा।

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Nos. 94 and 109 shall be taken together.

श्री राजनारायण : अगर क्वेश्चन समान है तो आपने बराबर अनुमति दी है। हां असमान क्वेश्चन को कोई समान बताए तो आप अनुमति नहीं देते।

SUPPLY OF TANKS TO PAKISTAN

*94. **SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA :**†

SHRI R. P. KHAITAN :

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY :

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 93 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1968 and state:

(a) whether Government have received any reply from the Governments of U. S. A. and Italy to the protest notes regarding supply of the American Tanks to Pakistan through Italy;

(b) if so, the nature of the replies received;

(c) what is the reaction of the Government of India of these replies;

(d) whether Government have received any further information from our mission in U. S. A. and Italy after 2nd May, about the number of tanks supplied to Pakistan and if so, what is the number of tanks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) to (c) As stated in the House on May 2, 1968, India's concern and anxiety regarding the reported deal for the supply by Italy to Pakistan of U.S. made Patton tanks has been conveyed to the Governments of United States and Italy. The Government continued to pursue the matter through diplomatic channels. According to the latest information, no agreement has been signed by Italy with Pakistan for the sale of the tanks.

(d) Does not arise.

SUPPLY OF AMERICAN TANKS TO PAKISTAN

*109 **SHRI RAJNARAIN† :**

SHRI P. C. MITRA :

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is trying to get American tanks through Belgium and other countries after the supply of the same through Italy was refused; and

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Sitaram Jaipuria.

‡The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Raj Narain.