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**Summary:**

Transcript of questions and answers between members of the Rajya Sabha and the Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs, Shri B. R. Bhagat, on the draft of the non-proliferation treaty and the Indian government's position.

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the possibility of tightening up the procedures of commercial transaction so as to eliminate chances of illegal exploitation of films abroad.

INDIANS IN U.N. SECRETARIAT

\*117. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian nationals have adequate representation in the United Nations Secretariat at all levels;

(b) if no, what steps are being taken by the Government of India in this connection; and

(c) what are the highest posts held by the Indians in the United Nations Secretariat and its Allied Offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Indian representation in the U. N. Secretariat is, on the whole, satisfactory.

(c) According to the latest information, 66 Indians are working in the United Nations Secretariat in the following higher grades:

Category	Level	No. of Indians
1. Under-Secretary General	Under-Secretary General	1
2. Director and Principal Officer	D-2	3
	D-1	6
3. Professional	P-5	18
	P-4	24
	P-3	7
	P-2	7
	P-1	..
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Information regarding Indians in the higher grades of the Secretariats of the Specialised Agencies is being obtained and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND DISTRIBUTORS

\*118. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has recently been signed before him between producers and distributors of films to cover financial risk in box office failures;

(b) if so, what are the terms of the agreement; and

(c) what special efforts Government propose to make to implement this agreement?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) An agreement has been reached between the representatives of Producers, Distributors and Exhibitors on the 23rd April, 1968 in respect of the Bombay circuit. The Minister of Information and Broadcasting was not present at that time. As regards the other circuits, negotiations between the different parties are in progress.

(b) A copy of the agreement arrived at Bombay and supplied by the Theatre Owners Association is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix LXIV, Annexure No. 7.]

(c) The agreement reached at Bombay has been implemented and the situation is being closely watched by the Government.

NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

\*119. PROF. SHANTILAL KOTHARI:  
SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have taken any decision on the draft non-proliferation treaty;

(b) if so, the nature of the decision taken; and

(c) whether the Government of India are in touch with the Governments of the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. in this matter; and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The draft Treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons is not acceptable to the Government in its present form. While the Government of India, on the one hand, and the Governments of U.S.A. and U.S.S.R., on the other, have made known their respective views through diplomatic channels, it is not possible, at this stage, to estimate the results of such exchanges. However, it is Government of India's understanding that their views on the draft Treaty are well-understood by the Governments concerned.

#### MANUFACTURE OF COMPUTERS

\*120. SHRIMATI LALITHA (RAJAGOPALAN): Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Electronics Ltd. a public sector undertaking under the Defence Ministry, proposes to manufacture computers with the collaboration of a British Company; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA): (a) Bharat Electronics Ltd., is to undertake the manufacture of the Electronic portion of Computers in collaboration with the Indian subsidiary of a British firm,

(b) The project would be undertaken by B.E.L. with a capital investment of Rs. 10 lakhs with foreign exchange content of Rs. 8.5 lakhs. The production is expected to com-

mence in about three years and the total turnover during the first four years of production is expected to be of the order of Rs. 4 crores.

#### SPECIAL CELL IN THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD AREAS

140. SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any special cell or wing in the Planning Commission exclusively devoted to the study of the problems of areas determined as backward;

(b) if not, whether Government are proposing to constitute such a cell or wing in the commission

(c) whether the State Governments have formed Special Committees or agencies for the development of backward regions in their respective States; and

(d) if so, the names of the States and agencies if any, and the nature of these agencies?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b) This work is being attended to by the Programme Administration Division of the Planning Commission.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected from the State Governments.

#### DEEP FREEZE MEAT PLANT AT AGRA

141. PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether deep freeze meat plant has been set up at Agra and whether it has gone into production.

(b) what quantity of meat is it preparing per day or per month and whether the meat has been put to the use of the army stationed at high altitudes, and if so, with what results;