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### **Rajya Sabha Q&A on Pakistan's Statement on India Not Signing the NPT**

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#### **Summary:**

Transcript of questions and answers between members of the Rajya Sabha and the Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs, Shrimati Indira Gandhi, on Pakistan's position regarding India not signing the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

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**BHUTAN'S DECISION FOR PERMITS TO  
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546. SHRI M. K. MOHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Bhutan have taken a decision to the effect that Indians should obtain permits before entering Bhutan;

(b) if so, whether any clarification has been sought by the Government of India in regard to this decision; and

(c) if so, what is the result thereof?

**THE PRIME MINISTER AND  
MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI):** (a) The Government of Bhutan had issued a notification which required all foreigners entering into Bhutan to be in possession of an identity card. The Government of Bhutan have informed the Government of India that its provisions will not apply to Indian citizens.

(b) The Government of India's Special Officer in Bhutan brought to the attention of the Bhutan Government to the fact that Bhutanese nationals entering India do not need identity cards, and sought clarifications.

(c) As mentioned above, the notification was made not applicable to Indian citizens.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA ISSUE IN U. N.**

547. SHRI M. K. MOHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India had opposed the inclusion of the Czechoslovakian issue in the agenda of the U.N. General Assembly; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

**परमाणु अस्त्र प्रसार निषेध संधि के बारे  
में पाकिस्तान का वक्तव्य**

548. श्री निरंजन वर्मा : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या परमाणु अस्त्र प्रसार निषेध सम्बन्धी सम्मेलन में परमाणु अस्त्र प्रसार निषेध संधि पर भारत द्वारा हस्ताक्षर न करने के सम्बन्ध में पाकिस्तान ने कोई वक्तव्य दिया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो भारत की ओर से उक्त वक्तव्य का क्या उत्तर दिया गया है ?

†[PAKISTAN'S STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR  
NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

548. SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has made any statement on India's not signing the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in the conference on nuclear non-proliferation; and

(b) if so, how the aforesaid statement has been counteracted by India?]

प्रधान मंत्री तथा वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री (श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी) : (क) जी नहीं। परमाणु अस्त्रविहीन राज्यों के सम्मेलन में पाकिस्तान ने परमाणु अस्त्रों के विस्तार-प्रसार रोकने से संबद्ध संधि पर भारत के हस्ताक्षर न करने का कोई उल्लेख नहीं किया था।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

†[THE PRIME MINISTER AND  
MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir. Pakistan did not make any reference in the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States to India's not signing the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

(b) Does not arise.]

†[ ] English translation.