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## **Rajya Sabha Q&A on the Non-Aligned Countries and the Signing of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty**

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### **Summary:**

Transcript of questions and answers between members of Rajya Sabha and the Minister of External Affairs, Shri M. C. Chagla, on India's strategy to convince countries like the U.A.R. and Yugoslavia to abstain from signing the NPT until India's demands have been met.

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**NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY**

\*587. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS:  
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have in-  
formed the non-aligned countries like  
U.A.R. and Yugoslavia about the  
attitude of India regarding the nu-  
clear non-proliferation treaty;

(b) if so, what is their reaction in  
the matter;

(c) whether they have taken a com-  
mon stand with India for not signing  
the treaty as long as India's demands  
are not met?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) They informed us of their views.

(c) The views of U.A.R. and Yugo-  
slavia are very close to ours though  
not identical in all respects. The  
question of evolving a common  
stand has not arisen, especially as  
there is yet no draft treaty before  
the ENDC.

**CANTONMENT BOARDS IN THE COUNTRY**

\*588. SHRI M. M. DHARIA;  
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be

pleased to state the number of Canton-  
ment Boards in the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE  
(SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): There  
are sixty-two Cantonment Boards in  
the country.

**SERVICES IN THE ARMED FORCES BY  
THE NEWLY APPOINTED DOCTORS AND  
ENGINEERS**

\*589. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH:  
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that service  
in the Armed Forces for a certain  
period has been made compulsory to  
the newly appointed doctors and  
engineers by certain State Govern-  
ments at the instance of the Govern-  
ment of India;

(b) if so, the names of such States;  
and

(c) whether other State Govern-  
ments have refused to co-operate in  
the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE  
(SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a)  
Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement is placed  
on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT**

The position regarding the amendment of the Recruiting rules to provide for Compul-  
sory Service Liability in the Armed Forces by different States is as under :—

Name of the State	Engineering posts	Medical posts
Andhra Pradesh . . .	Rules amended	Rules amended.
Assam . . . . .	Rules amended	Rules amended.
Bihar . . . . .	Rules amended	Rules amended.
Gujarat . . . . .	Rules amended	Rules amended.
Jammu and Kashmir . .	Rules are being amended.	Rules not amended.