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# Rajya Sabha Q&A on Soviet Criticism of India for it's Refusal to Sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

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# **Summary:**

Transcript of questions and answers between members of the Rajya Sabha and Prime Minister, Shrimati Indira Gandhi, on the legitimacy of claims that the U.S.S.R hascriticised India for not signing the draft of nuclear non-proliferation treaty through its newspaper "Izvestia".

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## अणुहास्त्र प्रसार निषेष सन्धि

1177. श्री निरंजन वर्मा: क्या प्रधान संत्री यह बताने को कृपा करेंगी कि:

- (क) क्या यह सच है कि सोवियत संघ ने अपने प्रमुख पत्र 'इज़वेस्तिया' के माध्यम से अणुशस्त्र प्रसार निषेध संधि के प्रारूप पर हस्ताक्षर न करने के कारण भारत की कठोर आलोचना की है; और
- (ख) क्या भारत सरकार ने सोवियत संघ के रुख़ के खिलाफ कोई विरोध प्रदर्शित किया है?

†[Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty

1177. SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the U.S.S.R. through her leading paper "Izvestia", has severely criticised India for not signing the draft of nuclear non-proliferation treaty; and
- (b) whether the Government of India has lodged any protest against the attitude of the U.S.S.R.]

प्रधान मंत्री और वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्रीमती हिन्दरा गांधी) : (क) मास्को-स्थित हमारे राजदूतावास के अनुसार 'अणु अस्त्र निरोध संधि पर हस्ताक्षर न करने के लिए न तो 'इज़वेस्तिया' न और न रूस के किसी प्रमुख पत्र ने भारत की आ ोचना की है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

†[THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) According to our Embassy in Moscow, neither "Izvestia" nor any other prominent in Soviet paper has criticised India for not signing the nuclear-non-proliferation treaty.

(b) Does not arise.

†[ ] English translation.

USE OF AIR SPACE BY PAKISTAN AND INDIA

#### 1178. SHRI ARJUN ARORA: SHRI JAGAT NARAIN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have made an agreement with the Government of Pakistan regarding the use of air space over each other's country; and
  - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Both India and Pakistan are parties to the International Air Services Transit Agreement signed at Chicago on 7th December, 1944. Section 1 of Article I of the Agreement provides as follows:—

"Each contracting State grants to the other contracting States the following freedoms of the air in respect of scheduled international air services:—

- (1) The privilege to fly across its territory without landing;
- (2) The privilege to land for non-traffic purposes.

The privileges of this section shall not be applicable with respect to airports utilised for military purposes to the exclusion of any scheduled international air services. In areas of active hostilities or of military occupation, and in time of war along supply routes leading to such areas, the exercise of such privileges shall be subject to the approval of the competent military authorities."

## विदेशस्य भारतीय दूतावास

1179. डा० भाई महावीर : श्री जगत नारायण :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

- (क) भारतीय दूतावास किन किन देशों में स्थित है;
  - (ख) उनका कुल वार्षिक खर्च कितना