Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

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

- (a) whether Government have informed the non-aligned countries like U.A.R. and Yugoslavia jabout the attitude of India regarding the nuclear non-proliferation treaty;
- (b) if so, what is their reaction in the matter:
- (c) whether they have taken a common 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 Cantonment 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 Governments at the instance of the Government of India;
- (b) if so, the names of such States; and
- (c) whether other State Governments, 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 Compulsory Service Liability in the Armed Forces by different States is as under:—

Name of the State			 Engineering posts	Medical posts	•
Andhra P	radesh	•	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.	