

New Delhi,
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To

Hon'ble Speaker,
Lok Sabha,
New Delhi.

Sir,

On behalf of the Swatantra Party I would like to reiterate the position that I took at the meeting in your room this afternoon in regard to the scope of a debate on our international relations.

We are strongly of the view that since there was no debate on international affairs or foreign policy during the last Session, there should be such a debate this time.

On the other hand we are not in favour of a separate discussion on Indo-Pakistani relations for the following three reasons:-

- (i) It is not possible to discuss Indo-Pakistani relations in a vacuo ~~as~~ apart from the rest of the world.
- (ii) Indo-Pakistani relations will be amply ventilated during the discussion on the 10th instant on the Indus-Water Treaty and payments under it and a repetition would be pointless.
- (iii) A detailed discussion on the Prime Minister's statement which has already elicited universal support from all parties will needlessly tend to tie ~~and~~ the hands of the Government in regard to future measures and policy which would not be in the country's interests.
- (iv) Any one who wishes to concentrate on Indo-Pakistani relations will have ample opportunity to do so during a discussion on international relations.

Yours faithfully,

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