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Dear Sir,

It is extraordinary that the Government of India has remained reticent over the statement of Mr. Chou En-lai regarding establishment of twenty-six civilian posts in the demilitarised zone along with the Sino-Indian frontier. Since the Chinese have not accepted the Colombo proposals, Peking cannot in theory "voilà" the terms of the cease-fire arrangement to which it is not a party. Nevertheless, the Chinese move to establish so-called civilian posts in the area from which they withdrew after their invasion of October-November last year, is highly provocative and calls for similar counter initiative by New Delhi. The Chinese decision to setup the unilateral civilian posts in Ladakh is in direct conflict with the Colombo recommendations which Peking has at least accepted "in principle". It is as yet not clear whether similar posts have been established in Nefa. If so, this would also be in direct conflict with the Indian right to advance up to MacMahon line. To me, it seems that Peking's motives in acting as it has done is more probably to remind our leaders that negotiations are the only alternative to another military conflict for which obviously we are not yet prepared, as we are ill-equipped because of our policy of non-alignment.

The Prime Minister a few days ago stated at Goa that a large number of Chinese troops are reported to be concentrated on our Ladakh border. I am sure the Government of India then was in know of the establishment of these posts, as is obvious from the Prime Minister's statement - he must be implying to these posts when he referred to the concentration of troops - but why did he not tell this clearly to the world and his countrymen; why an indirect reference? Why initiative to publicise to the world was left, as before, to the Peking's Government. Mr. Chou En-lai has stated that the Indian Government and the Colombo Powers have been informed about the establishment of these posts. No one knows how India, when they were informed by the Peking's Government, reacted on the part of the Red Dragon. Shall we, even now continue to follow this week-kneed policy?

to this more

I am to seek your advise whether on this question we can move no-confidence motion against the Government or alternatively how this question can be brought before the Parliament. I have, however, already,



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tabled three questions on this subject. I am not sure whether they will be admitted.

A line in reply will enable me to take the initiative on behalf of our Party.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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