

सुरक्षा सलाहकार के जरिए किया जाता है और सामरिक नीति ग्रुप और राष्ट्रीय सलाहकार बोर्ड की सदस्यता अब अधिक व्यापक और चुनिंदा है। इस नये स्वरूप में देश द्वारा सामना की जा रही समकालीन वास्तविकताओं और चुनौतियों को ध्यान में रखा गया है।

(ङ) देश के महत्वपूर्ण राष्ट्रीय हितों को समग्र व समन्वित तरीके से बढ़ाना ही इस राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा परिषद के दृष्टिकोण का मूल शक्तिविक आधार होगा।

Discontentment among Navy officers

2651. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of serious discontentment among the senior officers of navy about the personnel policy being followed by Administration;

(b) the number of complaints received from the officers regarding their promotion which are pending;

(c) the number of cases pending in the courts; and

(d) what action Government have taken to redress the grievances of the officers many of whom are suffering silently?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There has been some discontentment in the Navy in relation to postings and promotions of officers in the recent past.

(b) Four statutory complaints are pending with Government concerning promotion of officers.

(c) According to information furnished by Naval Headquarters, 34 cases are pending in various courts.

(d) All redressal of grievances applications received by the Government are carefully examined by the Government and decisions taken in accordance with established law, rules and norms.

Upgradation of MIG planes

2652. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "India shelves plan to upgrade MIGs", as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 18th November, 1998;

(b) if so, whether the upgradation plans of MIGs of the IAF have been further delayed;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure upgradation of MIGs in a time-bound manner?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. However, there is no truth in the Press Report.

(b) and (c) As per the original plan the upgradation work was to be completed by 2002. The same has been delayed by a year due to delay in completion of design & development work on the aircraft, by the Russians.

(d) During the 5th Indo-Russian Technical Co-operation Meeting held in November, 1998 a Protocol has been signed with the Russians to the effect that design and development work on the aircraft would be completed by July 1999. The other important areas affecting the progress of the upgradation programme have also been resolved to ensure the implementation of the programme in a time bound manner as per the revised schedule. The issue of transfer of technology for upgradation of MIG aircraft is being taken up at a government to government level.

Indo-US Talks

2653. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the Indo-US talks USA has insisted on knowing the locations etc. of India's nuclear weapons;

(b) if so, whether this has proved to be an hurdle in the progress of talks; and

(c) when and where the next round of talks between India and the US is scheduled to be held and what is the agenda for the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The deployment or movement of Indian defence assets is an exclusive and sovereign right of the Government into which no outside interference is allowed.

(c) Both India and the US have agreed to meet again for the next round of discussions in the second half of January 1999 in New Delhi. The talks would be conducted on the basis of the comprehensive proposals that India has put forward on disarmament and non-proliferation matters, our unilateral moratorium on explosive nuclear tests, willingness to discuss converting this moratorium into a de jure obligation, our offer to enter into constructive negotiations on the FMCT and reaffirming our policies on stringent control on export of sensitive technologies.

Details of proposal of the disposal of Shakti Nagar Colony quarters, Agra

2654. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 345 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd December, 1998 and state the details of the proposal of Director-General Defence Estates for disposal of Shakti Nagar Colony quarters, Agra?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): Yes, Sir. A total of 108 houses constructed under the Low Income Group Housing Scheme by the Agra Cantonment Board partly from Cantonment Funds and partly from Loans meant for the use of its employees, were proposed for transfer on ownership rights to the present occupants.

Anomalies in pay-scales of Sr. auditors working in Defence Accounts Department

2655. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the matter relating to the pay scales of Senior Auditors working in Defence Accounts Department was referred to the Fast-Track Committee for removal of anomalies; and

(b) if so, the action proposed by the Committee for removal of the said anomalies?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Sir.

The Committee did not find justification for accepting the demand.

पाकिस्तान द्वारा अत्याधुनिक मिसाइल (प्रक्षेपास्त्र) बनवाया जाना

2656. श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र: क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान ने इस महाद्वीप में सबसे आधुनिक प्रक्षेपास्त्र तैयार किया है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार भारतीय प्रक्षेपास्त्र कार्यक्रम के तहत वैसा ही कोई प्रक्षेपास्त्र तैयार करने जा रही है?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नांडीज): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) एकीकृत प्रक्षेपास्त्र विकास कार्यक्रम के तहत विकसित प्रक्षेपास्त्रों में अत्यंत उन्नत प्रौद्योगिकियों का प्रयोग किया जाता है तथा ये मिशन की अपेक्षाओं के अनुरूप सेवा प्रदान करती है।

राजस्थान में सैन्य अध्यास

2657. श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र: क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय सेना द्वारा पश्चिम राजस्थान में एक बड़ा सैन्य अध्यास किया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या इस अभियान / अध्यास से रक्षा सेनाएं अपने घोषित लक्ष्यों को पूरा कर पाई है?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नांडीज): (क) और (ख) जी, हाँ।