

Pakistan's proposal to equip its submarines with nuclear missiles

*378. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of Pakistan's proposal to equip its submarines with nuclear missiles;

(b) if so, what are the defence ramifications involved in such strategic threats; and

(c) what measures are contemplated by Government to meet any eventuality?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Attention of the Government has been drawn to the recent media reports about Pakistan Navy's plans to equip its submarines with nuclear missiles. This will augment Pakistan Navy's capabilities.

(c) The Government is alive to the developing situation and has undertaken all necessary measures.

Alternative arrangements for CISF

*379. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the personnel under the Central Industries Security Force have been deployed to man the national /international airports in the country;

(b) if so, the alternative arrangements made to man the industrial units under the PSUs, power plants and other project/ utility installations hitherto looked after by the CISF; and

(c) what other steps are being taken to provide security to PSU units, power installations and other public utilities in view of massive disinvestment under process creating labour unrest and threat to such units/projects/utilities?