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Supply of F-16 Aircrafts to Pakistan by USA

4641. DR. BAPU KALDATE :

SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : SHRI
RAM NATH KOVIND :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports that Pakistan has asked the USA to resolve by March 31, 1994 the issue of sale of F-16 Combat Aircrafts to Pakistan the supply of which was suspended in October, 1990;

(b) whether the USA is proposing to supply 71 F-16 fighter aircrafts to Pakistan as one-time exception by defeating the entire purpose of the Pressler Amendment giving Pakistan in one sweep an effective nuclear weapons delivery system;

(c) if so, whether the delivery of this aircraft to Pakistan will create a serious imbalance in the region in so far as the effective nuclear weapons delivery system is concerned; and

(d) what effective steps are being taken by Government of India to counter his move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The US is proposing to transfer 38 F-16 aircraft and other military equipment to Pakistan by seeking a Congressional one-time waiver of the Pressler Amendment in return for a verifiable cap on Pakistan's production of fissile material.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government have conveyed India's deep concern at the US proposal to transfer F-16 aircraft and other military equip-

ment to Pakistan. It has been emphasized that acquisition of sophisticated military equipment by Pakistan in the past have been used only against India Government have underlined that India would be compelled to take steps to counter the enhanced threat from Pakistan in the event of the transfer of F-16s.

Bhutan King's visit to India

4642. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the king of Bhutan visited India; and

(b) if so, the issues discussed during his visit and the outcome of the visit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) His Majesty, Jigme Singye Wangchuck, the King of Bhutan paid a state visit to India from January 4—7, 1993.

(b) His Majesty the King of Bhutan exchanged views with the President of India, the Vice-President of India and the Prime Minister of India and with other senior Indian Ministers. These discussions covered a wide range of subjects. His Majesty the King of Bhutan held discussions with Indian leaders on strengthening of relations between Bhutan and India. The King of Bhutan and Prime Minister of India covered the situation in the region and recent developments in the international relations. Discussion were characterised by close identity of views and perceptions. They also discussed matters of mutual bilateral interest and continued Indian assistance to Bhutan's 7th Five Year Plan. Both sides signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the preparation of •