

can contribute to the financing of the destruction or elimination of strategic offensive arms in Russia), they will:

(I) reduce the overall total to no more than a number of warheads for each between 3000 and 3500;

(II) eliminate all MIRVed ICBMs; and

(III) reduce SLBM warheads to between no more than 1700 to 1750.

At the same meeting, both countries also agreed that both countries should work together with allies and other interested parties in developing a concept for a Global Protection System (GPS) as part of an overall strategy regarding the proliferation of ballistic missiles and weapons of mass destruction.

Supply of Arms by China to Pakistan

4682. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that China has been supplying arms to a number of India's neighbouring countries i.e. Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Burma and Nepal, and according to the experts of Defence Study and Analysis Institute it is posing a danger to the security of the country;

(b) whether Government are also aware that Pakistan and China have close military/strategic links which are posing a danger to the security of India and that seventy per cent of Pakistan's military hardware are manufactured in China;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto and whether Government of India propose to have talks with China to deal with this potential danger so as to avert it; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and whether the Hon'ble Minis-

ter of Defence during the forthcoming visit to China will refer to this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Government are aware of arms sales by China to Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Myanmar, and its earlier sales to Nepal. Government are also aware of the extensive defence cooperation between China and Pakistan.

(c) and (d) Government have, in discussions with the Chinese Government, expressed our concerns on this score. Government have emphasised that the supply of sophisticated arms technology to Pakistan beyond its legitimate requirements of defence, poses a threat to India's security and to the maintenance of peace and stability in South Asia. Government have also stressed the need for the avoidance of actions that do not build mutual understanding between India and China. During the recent visit to China of our Raksha Mantri our views have once again been conveyed to the Chinese. Government keep under onstart review all developments having a bearing on India's security and take appropriate measures to safeguard the national interest.

Release of Indian Prisoner of war in Pakistani jail

4683. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1523 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Saheb Bahadur Singh Chauhan, MM number 87148 of INS Khukhari had also been taken as prisoner of war in 1971 and is still in a Pakistani jail;