

pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of families assisted under Integrated Rural Development Programme during the last six months; and

(b) the number of families likely to be benefited during the year 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) The total number of families assisted as reported by the States/UTs Governments from December, 1990 to May, 1991 is 16.19 lakhs.

(b) The number of families likely to be assisted during the year 1991-92 is 22.54 lakhs.

भारत तथा पाकिस्तान के रक्षा बजट

318. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह: क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान ने अपने रक्षा बजट में 11 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि करके भारत की सुरक्षा के लिए समस्याएं खड़ी कर दी हैं; और

(ख) इस स्थिति में निपटने के लिए भारत की ओर से क्या उपाय किए जा रहे हैं?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार):

(क) प्रकाशित सूचना के अनुसार पाकिस्तान के 1991-92 के रक्षा बजट में पिछले वर्ष के मुकाबले 11.6 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई है।

(ख) सरकार देश की सुरक्षा को प्रभावित करने वाली सभी गतिविधियों पर लगातार नजर रखती है और कारगर

रक्षा तैयारी सुनिश्चित करने के लिए समुचित उपाय करती है।

Number of Fair Price Shops and Public Distribution Out-lets

319. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Fair Price Shops and Public Distribution Out-lets in rural and urban areas, separately and the population covered thereby, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to open more Fair Price Shops and Public Distribution Out-lets to cover more population and bring more items under its purview; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) A statement showing the number of Fair Price Shops in rural and urban areas and the population covered in each State as on 31-12-1989 is enclosed. (See below)

(b) and (c) Implementation of the Public Distribution System (PDS), including the decisions to open more FPSs is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and UT Administrations. The Central Government has, among other things, advised them, to open more FPSs in uncovered and undercovered areas, to use vans as mobile outlets of PDS items in far-flung and remote areas and to distribute, on their own, additional items of mass consumption such as salt, pulses, soaps, matches, tea etc. to consumers by using PDS outlets.