

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

Exchange of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops

124. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times Indian and Pakistani troops exchanged fire across the J&K border since May, 1990; stating the number of military and civilian casualties on both the sides;

(b) what is the number of Pakistani intruders apprehended in the Indian territory during May-July, 1990;

(c) the number of times Indian Government have lodged protests with Pakistan Government;

(d) whether war preparations are going on in these areas on the Pakistani side; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government have taken so far to strengthen the Indian positions along J&K border to meet any unforeseen eventuality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (c) Exchange of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops, across the J&K LOC/Border, has been continuing to take place and there have been casualties on both sides. 13 Pak/POK intruders were apprehended while attempting infiltration during May-July 1990 in J&K. The Govt. of India have been keeping the Pak Government duly informed about our views regarding the infiltrations across the borders.

(d) and (e) Government are aware that the Pak Defence forces continue to be in a state of operational preparedness. Our armed forces are adequately prepared to meet any eventuality that may arise.

Successful launching of Insat-ID Satellite

125. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has successfully launched INSAT-ID Satellite from Cape Canaveral, Florida on the 12th June, 1990;

(b) to what extent this would augment India's space facilities in terms of communications, T.V. transmission etc.; and

(c) what plans have been drawn up to utilize the Satellite in different fields for the benefit of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) INSAT-ID will provide the continuity of all vital satellite based services in the areas of Telecommunications, nationwide TV and Radio Broadcasting, Meteorology and disaster warning which INSAT-IB has been providing so far. There is an INSAT Coordination Committee consisting of representatives of all concerned departments to ensure optimal utilization of the capabilities of the Satellite in different fields.

Formulation of National Youth Policy

126. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a National Youth Policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The National Youth Policy is under formulation.

Pulling back of troops from Indo-Pak Border by India

127. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India took the initiative in May this year by pulling back its troops bases and installations all along the Indo-Pak border and the line of actual control in J & K, so as to ensure that Pakistan would also reciprocate by withdrawing their troops positions to diffuse tension; and

(b) if so, what has been the Pakistani response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir. All armoured units carrying out training at Mahajan Ranges were unilaterally moved to their permanent locations in June, 1990 by India with a view to diffuse tension.

(b) There is information of some elements of Pak Armed Forces being in the process of moving back to their permanent locations. The position is being closely monitored.

World Bank Aid to India and China under UN Environment Programme

128. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(b) whether at the Montreal Conference held in the last week of June,

1990, under U.N. aegis with a view to protecting the Ozone layer \$ 40 million each of aid was committed to India and China from out of a \$ 240 million fund run by the World Bank, under UN environment programme etc.;

(b) if so, what were the terms of the aid; and

(c) the steps being taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILA-MANI ROUTRAY): (a) The second meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol was held at London from 27-29 June, 1990. The Parties have agreed to establish a financial mechanism to assist the developing countries in switching over to ozone safe technologies. They have also agreed to set up an interim fund of US \$ 160 million for the three year period from 1.1.1991 to 31.12.1993 which could be raised by another US \$ 80 million if more developing countries become parties to the Protocol. There is no commitment for earmarking any amount to India or any other country in particular out of the proposed fund.

(b) The fund has not yet become operational and therefore, terms on which money is made available are to be framed. The purpose of the fund is to assist developing countries, who are Parties to the Protocol, to switch over to ozone safe technologies.

(c) India is not a signatory to the Montreal Protocol and a final decision is yet to be taken about joining the Protocol as amended at the London Conference.

Montreal Protocol to Protect Ozone Layer

129. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: