

Rise in Cost of Training of IAF Pilots

181. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH;

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of training pilots for the Indian Air Force (IAF) has gone up steeply during the last few months;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the details regarding amount spent on the training of each pilot of various types of aircrafts and whether the pilots are also trained abroad; if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c) Cost of training of IAF pilots is worked out on a yearly basis. As the training pattern, flying syllabus and all other training infrastructure have remained unchanged in the last few months, no steep increase in training charges is anticipated on these accounts. Details of the amount spent per pilot during 1988 on training, are given below:-

Stage I—Rs. 20.60 lakhs.

Stage II—Rs. 34.26 lakhs.

Stage III.

(a) Fighter Stream—Rs. 73.82 lakhs

(b) Transport Stream—Rs. 40.83 lakhs

(c) Helicopter Stream—Rs. 10.00 lakhs

Training in all the above three stages is imparted within the country. In a few cases, pilots have been sent abroad, like other categories of personnel, for specialised training, chiefly relating to specific equipment.

Shifting of National Missile Testing Range from Baliapal in Orissa

182. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU' Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a fresh proposal to shift the site of the National Missile Testing Range?

(b) if so, what is the new location;

(c) the reasons for shifting the site; and

(d) by when the National Missile Test Range is going to be shifted?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

183. [Transferred to the 29th December, 1989]

Public Investments in the Eighth Five Year Plan

184. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have spelt out the broad feature of the 8th Five Year Plan with regard to public investments in various sectors and objectives to be achieved thereby;

(b) what are the revised basic priorities laid down for the 8th five year plan; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to mobilise resources to achieve these priorities?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c) The broad features, the priorities and the manner of resource

mobilisation in the specific context of the 8th five year plan have not yet been finalised.

Swedish Co-operation in Bofors Gun Deal

185. SHRI CHATURANAN
MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS
GUPTA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approached the Swedish Government to make available to it the complete report of the National Audit Bureau of Sweden on Bofors Gun deal with India;

(b) what other steps are being taken by Government to locate those who are guilty of taking commissions in this deal;

(c) whether any approach is also being made to the Swiss authorities to unearth the illegal accounts of Indians there; and

(d) if not, by when Government propose to take these steps?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Investigations are in progress. Assistance of the Swiss authorities has been sought.

Reported Statement of Pakistan's Army Chief on Siachen

186. SHRI KAPIL VERMA;

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA
JAYAWANTRAO PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has seen Pakistan Army Chief General Mirza Aslam Baig's statement charging India of backing out of the accord between the two countries to resolve the Siachen glacier dispute; if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(b) what is Government's reaction to the Pakistan Army Chief's reported statement that the Pakistan's biggest ever war exercise "Zarbe-E-Momin" was designed as a major shift in Pakistan's strategic doctrine and the testing of army's capability to launch a large scale offensive;

(c) what is Government's reaction to Pakistan Army Chief's reported statement that in the event of a war with India it will only be on Indian soil; and

(d) what would be the impact of this exercise on India's security environment?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has made it clear that it stands by the understanding arrived at between the Defence Secretaries of the two countries in June, 1989.

(b) to (d) A close watch is kept on all developments having a bearing on our national security and appropriate measures are taken from time to time to ensure full defence preparedness.

Manufacture of Shoulder Fired Missile by Pakistan

187. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA
JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: SHRI
KAPIL VERMA: SHRIMATI
VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent report by Xinhua the Chinese news agency, that Pakistan is manufacturing a highly sophisticated shoulder fired missile which would be better than U.S. made stinger missile and would cost one fourth of stinger in International market;