

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open more of such Centres during the next two years;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what is the number of pupils attending these Centres as on the 28th February, 1989; and

(e) what is the number of Adult Education Centres which would be opened during the next two years and funds allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI LP. SHAH): (a) The present number of Adult Education Centres in the country is 2,88,219.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The planning is under consideration.

(d) The information is yet to be received from various States/Union Territories.

(e) Since the planning is under consideration, specific details are yet to be worked out.

Pak discussion with China on the Siachen Glacier

1556. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH
LATHER: SHRIMATI
VEENA VERMA: KUMARI
SUSHILA TIRIA: SHRI
RAJUBHAI A.
PARMAR: SHRI RAM
JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the taking up of the Siachen glacier issue by the Prime Minister of Pakistan with

the Chinese Government during her recent visit to that country; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto particularly in the context of Prime Minister's recent talks held with the Prime Minister of Pakistan and the Chinese Government during his visits to those countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government have seen reports to this effect.

(b) Siachen is an integral part of India and this has been made known to both China and Pakistan. We are in favour of peaceful resolution of all our differences with Pakistan in accordance with Simla Agreement. The next round of Defence Secretary level talks on Siachen is likely to be held in the near future.

Expansion of Pak Air Force

1557. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what further steps are being taken by Government to ensure country's security in face of Pakistan Army Chiefs announcement that Pakistan would make its own tank in two years; and

(b) whether Government are also aware of Pakistan expanding its air force by purchasing 125 fighter jets from Australia and China; if so, what steps Government are taking to counteract it and whether Government are taking up the issue with concerned Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have seen reports that Pakistan would be in a position to roll out its first home-made tank in two years time, and of its moves to purchase jet