

(ख) क्या भारत ने युद्ध के पश्चात् पाकिस्तानी बंदियों को लौटाते समय उनके प्रत्यावर्तन करने के लिये प्रयत्न किये थे, यदि हाँ, तो उसके लिये क्या कार्यवाही अपनाई गयी थी ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. आर. नारायणन) : (क) और (ख) जी, हाँ। विश्वास किया जाता है कि 1971 से भारत के 43 लापता रक्षा कर्मिक पाकिस्तान में हैं। पाकिस्तान सरकार ने इस बात का खंडन किया है। उनको भारत प्रत्यावर्तित करने के लिये बराबर प्रयास किये गये हैं।

Setting up of an Apex Science Advisory Body

1863. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up an Apex Science Advisory Body attached to the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, what are the names of the members of the body, and

(c) whether it is likely to be supervisory body of all scientific forums in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. a Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister has been set up through a Resolution dated 4th February, 1986 with Prof. C. N. R. Rao as Chairman and Prof. J. v. Narlikar, Dr. P. N. Tandon, Prof. R. Narasimha, Dr. A. S. Ganguly, Dr. Sekhar Saha and Prof. Madhav Gadgil as Members.

(c) As the name suggests, it is an advisory body.

US displeasure over anti-US stance of India

1864. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether US has expressed its displeasure on India's increasing anti-US stance in the United Nations; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) As part of normal bilateral discussion, India and the USA have exchanged views on matters of mutual concern, including the voting patterns of both countries at the U.N.

Retrenchment of employees of ordnance factories

1865. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of employees in ordnance factories;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to retrench a certain percentage of these workers; if so, what guidelines have been issued for such retrenchment;

(c) in what manner the productivity, performance and efficiency of these factories are judged; and

(d) whether the products are sold to armed forces; if so, in what manner the prices are arrived at or their total costs debited to the forces' account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The total number of employees in Ordnance factories as on 1-12-85 was 1,91,155.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The performance is judged by comparing achievement against targets wherever set. Based on performance productivity index is determined in respect of each year's production and the efficiency is judged relatively by comparison of the index with that of past years.

(d) The budget of Ordnance Factories forms a part of Army Budget. So the question of selling products of Ordnance Factories to Army does not arise. Issues to Navy and Air Force are costed and book adjustments are made between the accounts of Army on the one hand and of the Navy and Air Force on the other.

Attempts of Pakistan to create anarchy in Punjab

1866. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express of 2nd February, 1986 under the caption "Pak blue print for anarchy in Punjab";

(b) whether the matter has been taken up with the Pakistan Government through diplomatic channels;

(c) what has been the reaction of Pakistan Government thereto; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to safeguard India's integrity and sovereignty against such evil designs of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The news item in question did not appear in the Indian Express but in the Hindustan Times on 2nd February, 1986.

(b) and (c) Government are unaware of any such specific blue-print prepared by Pakistan. However, our

concerns regarding Pakistan's assistance to extremists and terrorists have been conveyed to the Government of Pakistan on different occasions and at various levels. Pakistan has denied giving such assistance but our information is to the contrary.

(d) Government continues to maintain a constant vigil over all developments having a bearing on the country's integrity and sovereignty.

Supply of conveyor equipment by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers to NTPC

1867. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd. had received orders from the NTPC for the supply of conveyor equipment for the Farraka Super Thermal Power Project;

(b) whether it is a fact that a part of the said order was off-loaded to the US based Midwest Conveyors Ltd. by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd.

(c) whether Grieves-Midwest Engineers, Mangalore has recently been floated as a subsidiary of Midwest Engineers of US;

(d) whether the deal with the Midwest Conveyors Ltd. also included the supply of a particular design of conveyor equipment;

(e) what was the value of the earlier deal;

(f) what was the estimated cost of the supply of the design; and