

during his recent visit to New York discussed with him to buy a super computer for use in the fields of agriculture and education in India;

(b) whether the U.S. Government have declined to supply the said computer to India apprehending that it might be used for military purpose; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, whether Government have approached the Soviet Union, Japan and France to buy such computers?

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) The Department of Science & Technology is preparing a project proposal for acquiring a super computer for use in the field of agro-meteorology. The Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development has already prepared a project proposal for the acquisition of a super computer for the installation at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore for educational and research purposes. Super computers manufactured by US companies are among those under the consideration of these Departments. Within the next three months, a team of Indian specialists will be sent for conducting bench mark tests on the prospective super computers including those of US origin. After the final selection of the particular model of super computers, order will be placed on the corresponding vendor. It would then become the responsibility of that vendor, if of US origin, to approach the US Government for export clearance.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above these have not arisen.

Casualties in firing between Indian and Pakistani troops in Jammu and Kashmir

1177. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times when there have been exchange of firing between Indian and Pakistani troops on the border line of Jammu and Kashmir during the year 1985;

(b) what was the number of casualties on both sides of border;

(c) whether any Indian civilian was killed in the firing in the Poonch and Rajouri sectors; and

(d) what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) to (c) There have been some cases of exchange of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir. These incidents have resulted in some casualties on both sides.

It would not be desirable to disclose details.

(d) Government keep a close watch on all developments having a bearing on our security with a view to taking appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness.

Visit of Scientific Adviser to the Minister of Defence to U.S.

1178. DR H. P. SHARMA:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian team led by the Scientific Adviser to the Minister of Defence which recently visited US for two weeks or more, has ad-

vised Government to purchase various sophisticated US arms and know-how;

(b) if so, what terms of reference and/or briefs had been given by Government for the visit of this team; and

(c) what are the details of such arms, aircraft equipment and know-how and the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) A team of Indian Scientists led by Scientific Adviser to Raksha Mantri visited USA for 2 weeks during August 1985 to discuss the feasibility of co-operation with USA on technologies of relevance to our country, including those required for Defence Research and Development. No proposals for the purchase of the sophisticated US Arms were considered.

(b) The objective of the visit is as stated in part (a) above.

(c) In view of part (a) above, question does not arise.

Firing between Indian and Pakistani troops near Haji Pir Pass area

1179. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND
MOHUNTA;
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH
MALAVIYA;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that heavy firing between the Indian and Pakistani troops took place near Haji Pir Pass area sometime in the first week of September, 1985 and the incidents of firing between the troops of the two countries have increased all along the line of actual control in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof what measures have been taken by Government to strengthen

the Indian position to meet any eventuality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) There was no firing incident between Indian and Pakistani troops in the first week of September 1985 in the Haji Pir Pass area. There has been some increase in the incidents of firing along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir. It would not be desirable to disclose details.

Government keep a close watch on all developments having a bearing on our security with a view to taking appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness.

Encounters between Pakistani and Indian Forces in Siachen

1180. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR
BIRLA:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
- SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH
HANSPAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that besides killing three Indian jawans in Kargil sector, the Pakistani forces are resorting to continuous unprovoked firing on Indian troops in Siachen;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in September, 1985 a number of ground and air encounters between Pakistani and Indian forces took place in that area resulting in a number of casualties on both sides;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) whether any protest was lodged with the Pakistan Government in this regard, if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) what steps have been taken so far by Government to settle the dis-