

Two persons have been arrested in the case registered in connection with the attempt on the life of Shri R. L. Bhatia. Investigation is being pursued vigorously.

Holding of World Cup Cricket Jointly by India and Pakistan

*157. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussions were held in New Delhi in the 1st week of April 1985 with the Chairman of Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan regarding holding of the next World Cup Cricket jointly by India and Pakistan; and

(b) if so the details of the discussions held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (a) The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) have intimated that no such discussions were held in New Delhi.

(b) Does not arise.

Influx of Pakistani Nationals into India

*158. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an influx of Pakistani nationals into Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Rajasthan due to illegal immigration during the last one year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and

(c) what steps Government are taking to stop illegal influx of such persons into the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) There are no reports to indicate about continuous and large scale infiltration of Pakistani nationals into J & K, Punjab and Rajasthan but

some persons may have entered surreptitiously.

(c) Constant vigil is maintained by the BSF on the border. Joint ambushes, raids and patrols with the local Police and other preventive agencies are organized by BSF. Dog squads and mounted patrolling on camels have been pressed into service to intercept and apprehend illegal entrants. Observation towers have also been erected to watch movement of infiltrators.

Threat to Communication Satellites by 'Star War' Programme

*159. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'Star Wars' programme of the USA Government poses a threat to communication satellites launched by India; and

(b) if so, what precautionary steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) 'Star Wars' officially known as Strategic Defence Initiative is at present mainly an R&D effort aimed at determining the feasibility and complexities of a space based defence system against ICBMs carrying nuclear warheads and the programme calls for development of key technology areas including space tests of tracking and detection system. As such, it does not pose any threat to any of the satellites launched by India, at the present time.

However, if and when such systems are made operational, in a state of war, all Satellites including our own could be seriously affected.

(b) Government of India has been trying all forums including the United Nations forum to prevent extension of arms race into outer space.