

case of food-poisoning as well. Is the Government taking this seriously to see that no restaurants are located close to such spots because this could result in something very serious? I would like the hon. Minister to kindly throw some light. Is it possible to remove the garbage dumping grounds?

SHRI A. P. SHARMA: So far as the location of the restaurants are concerned, they are located near the airport. For throwing up the garbage, so far as the restaurant garbage is concerned, there is a covered place provided for that, and every day that is cleaned. Therefore, there is no question of shifting the restaurants from the airport.

SHRI PILOO MODY: What about poisoned *rasmalai*?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Before going to my question, I will tell you why particularly my friend, Mr. Manubhai Patel, is so much interested in Bangalore. Sir, it is because there is a weakness. His wife is going to the weight-reducing ashram. And Mr. Piloo Mody also goes to the weight-reducing ashram. That is why he likes Bangalore. My question is a general question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You can refer to Mr. Mody twice over, but do not refer to a wife here.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Not my wife, but the weight-reducing ashram. They are interested in the weight-reducing ashrams. (*Interruptions*) I do not want to reduce my weight. Why should I? My question is general.

Is the Minister aware that this garbage problem is not only due to the hotels or some pond etc.? It is due to the unauthorised hutments near the aerodrome, of which the Minister is well aware. I have also written to him about what hazard it creates. The garbage thrown out by these hutment dwellers creates a very serious hazard for the air traffic, particularly the international airlines. At least you know the problem in Bombay, and you have made efforts to remove 300 huts. But actually there are about 3,000

huts. So, I want to know, as you have promised earlier, whether you will take further steps to speak with the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, get his assistance and.....

SHRI PILOO MODY: Which one? The last one, this one or the next one?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: What is the use of the last one? I want to know, Sir, whether the Minister will take this problem seriously because particularly at the Sahara Airport this creates the biggest difficulty in the landing of the international aeroplanes.

SHRI A. P. SHARMA: Sir, at the outset I would like to thank my hon. friend for taking interest in this matter. We have taken it up with the Government of Maharashtra, and he knows that as a result of our taking it up, they have been able to do something in that regard. We are further pursuing the matter so that the rest of the hutments in that area are cleared. I want his assistance and the assistance of other hon. Members also. Sometimes our people—means the public men—oppose these things. So, I thank Mr. Kulkarni and want his support also for getting this work done.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Support whom?

SHRI A. P. SHARMA: The Maharashtra Government.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: My party is not opposed to it. It is your party which is opposed to it.

Manufacture of Sophisticated Weapons By Pakistan

*344. **SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is manufacturing sophisticated rockets, AWACS and other sophisticated weapons;

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

(c) what is the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) and (b). Government have seen reports about the manufacture of certain types of rockets in Pakistan. While it is not known to be manufacturing AWACS aircraft, Pakistan continues to develop its defence production capabilities.

(c) Government monitor all developments impinging on our security for initiating appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness.

श्री शिव चन्द्र भा : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं माननीय मंत्री जो से जानना चाहता हूँ कि इन सॉफिस्टिकेटेड वॉपस में क्या यह बात सही नहीं है कि पाकिस्तान अटॉमिक बाम्ब भी बना रहा है और उसको उससे बनाने में यू.एस.ए. से, यू.के., कनेडा, फ्रांस से और दूसरे मुल्कों से मदद मिल रही है ?

यदि यह बात सही है, तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि कौन से पार्ट्स हैं, कौन से इंस्ट्रुमेंट्स हैं, और किस रूप में इन मुल्कों से और कब से मदद मिल रही है इन सॉफिस्टिकेटेड वॉपस के बनाने के लिए?

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, we are also seeing reports, just like the hon. Member, emanating from various sources, but we have no positive information with us to state whether Pakistan is doing anything in furtherance of its nuclear capability. Sir, we get a lot of information from various books and other sources, but as Government, I cannot confirm or deny any of those things because then the responsibility would be mine. Therefore it is that we merely say that the information which the hon. Member has put to the House is also with the Government, and Government are taking adequate measures to meet these contingencies.

श्री शिव चन्द्र भा : अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह बात अखबार में भी आ गई है कि पाकिस्तान एक टेस्ट-एक्सप्लोजन राजस्थान और पाकिस्तान के बार्डर पर करने जा रहा है। इसके मतल्लिक सरकार का क्या कहना है ? यह कहते हैं कि नाइदर कनफेडेंस नार डिनाइड । यह तो बेग है । आपका

इटैलजेंस सोर्स क्या करता है ? रिले-बल सोर्सेज क्या करते हैं, कुछ तो बताइए हमको ? पाकिस्तान की जो एक्सप्लोजन करने की तैयारी है, उसके मतल्लिक आपका क्या कहना है ?

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Please sit down. If you sit down, I will answer. Sir, I cannot say on the authority of the Government that Pakistan is going to explode an atomic bomb. Just as anybody has information, we also have information, we also collect intelligence and we also make adequate preparations to meet contingencies. Beyond that I cannot say.

श्री शिव चन्द्र भा : मेरा दूसरा सवाल है । इस सॉफिस्टिकेटेड वॉपस के मैन-फैक्चर में दूसरे मुल्कों से, खास करके यू.एस.ए. से जो मदद मिल रही है, रिएक्टर और दूसरे पार्ट्स---जो अभी प्रधान मंत्री अमरीका गई हैं, क्या उन्होंने प्रेजीडेंट रीगन के सामने यह बात रखी है कि पाकिस्तान को इसे मैनफैक्चर करने में वह मदद न दें क्योंकि सहायता देने से भारत की सुरक्षा के लिए खतरा है और साथ ही साथ एशिया रीजन की शांति के लिए भी खतरा है ?

यदि प्रधान मंत्री ने ध्यान खींचा है, तो प्रेजीडेंट रीगन के क्या रीएक्संस हैं, बोलिए ?

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, whether the Prime Minister has taken up this matter at this time, I will be able to answer when the Prime Minister returns to India. But generally we have taken this position and we have expressed it very often.....

SHRI PILOO MODY: She may not tell you.

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: She may not tell me, but she will tell the House; she will take the House into confidence. Sir, we have made our position very clear, that the accumulation of sophisticated equipment by Pakistan constitutes a threat to our security and we have made it clear both to the United States and to other Western countries.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to bring this to the notice of the House that it has been recently published in the *Blitz* that Pakistan has established several chemical laboratories at various places like Lahore, Islamabad, Karachi and other places with the help of USA for the manufacture of chemical weapons, which are closer to our border or within the range of their bases to destroy Indian military bases and other things. I think this is a direct threat to India. Pakistan is preparing for chemical weapons and such a disastrous warfare is possible in our sub-continent, as we know the tendency of Pakistan from past experience. In view of this, will the Defence Minister be kind enough to tell the House, if such a calamity occurs, how we are going to defend ourselves?

SHRI PILOO MODY: The Defence Minister must go to the front.

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: As I have already stated, we have also seen the report in *BLITZ*. In fact, we monitor everything that appears in every newspaper and other sources also. We cannot, as Government, say whether they are doing or not. But whenever we get information of this kind, we try to verify it with whatever sources we have, and also immediately initiate action to take precautions against any possibility of attack.

श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव: सभापति महोदय, अभी मंत्री महोदय ने यह कहा कि जिस तरह से समाचारों की जानकारी माननीय सदस्यों को मिलती है उसी तरह उन्हें भी जानकारी है। तो मैं सरकार से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि हमें अपनी जानकारी का सत्यापन कराने का कोई तरीका नहीं है, सरकार के पास अपने तरीके हैं, उन तरीकों से सरकार इन बातों को सत्यापित करा रही है या नहीं। उन की छानबीन करवा रही है या नहीं? सरकार को इस का पता लगा है या नहीं और अगर पता लगा है तो क्या सरकार सदन में इस लिए कहने से लाचार है कि सुरक्षा की दृष्टि से हाँ या न कहने में उस को मजबूरी है? दूसरे प्रधान मंत्री जी जब विदेश गई थीं, तो प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री

से इन मामलों में कोई मशीनरा हुआ या नहीं कि रीगन से जब बातचीत होगी तो प्रतिरक्षा के किन-किन मुद्दों को रीगन के सामने उठाया जाएगा? और पाकिस्तान को जो हथियार दिए जाते हैं उन मामलों पर प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री से विचार हुआ या नहीं?

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: I have answered the second part already.

MR. CHAIRMAN: When she comes back she will herself tell that.

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: She will tell us what exactly is the nature of the conversations she had; she will, in fact, make a statement to the House on the scope of her visit abroad.

So far as the first part is concerned, we do get not only the newspaper reports but other intelligence as well, and then monitor all of them and collect them and try to verify with whatever sources we have. The only thing is I cannot place them in the House, I cannot publicise them.

SHRI PILOO MODY: He also asked: Did the Prime Minister seek his advice on what matters she should discuss with Reagan? He asked that question and there must be an answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We will assume that she did.

SHRI K. C. PANT: Is the Government not aware that the contours of the Pakistani nuclear programme are such, as, for instance, the enrichment of uranium facilities that are being built up, and other parts of that programme are such, that cannot be explained in terms of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy? Is the Government not aware of this fact, and if it is, why does it hesitate to say so. In regard to other things, may be, you cannot say beyond that. But at least on this part the country should be taken into confidence; otherwise, it may create a very wrong impact and a sense of complacency.

The second question is, apart from the manufacture and purchase of an early warning system by Pakistan, whether the Government is aware of any arrangement

between Pakistan and other countries which have acquired such early warning systems which could be on tap in case Pakistan needs them.

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: So far as the first part of the question is concerned, actually I have shown a video tape of what is called the Islamic bomb to the Members of my Consultative Committee; to the extent to which that information is available, I have placed it before the Members of the Consultative Committee attached to the Defence Ministry...

SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI: Why don't you show it to other Members also?

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: If you are interested, I will certainly do it. What is available to the Defence Consultative Committee, will be made available to others also, if they are interested. I will certainly do it. That gives us some information that they are going on with the process of enrichment of uranium, and this enrichment of uranium, as my friend knows, can be for peaceful purposes, can also be for nuclear weapons.

SHRI K. C. PANT: Especially the peaceful programme, to justify it.

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: When we come to it, it is a matter of inference, whether it is justified or not. I want only to place the information that they are doing the enrichment process and this I have already disclosed. What is our inference on it? That we keep it to ourselves.

So far as the other part of the question is concerned, it is very important. We know that some other countries are getting AWACS. Whether they will supply them to Pakistan or not, it is too much for us to say.

श्री बी. सत्यनारायण रेड्डी: सदर साहब, मैं मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहूंगा कि हिन्दुस्तान और पाकिस्तान, दोनों देशों में दोस्ती और अमन की बात हो रही है, मुआहिदे की बात हो रही है

तो क्या इस रोशनी में हिन्दुस्तान और पाकिस्तान के अंदर जो साफिस्टिकेटेड वीपन्स हैं उन को कम करने की और घटाव की कोई बातचीत दोनों देशों के बीच हो रही है या नहीं ? और नहीं हो रही है तो क्या रक्षा मंत्री जी कोशिश करेंगे कि दोनों देशों में जो लाखों, करोड़ों रुपये साफिस्टिकेटेड हथियारों के लिए सर्फ हो रहे हैं उन का डाइवर्ट कर के हिन्दुस्तान और पाकिस्तान को गरीब जनता की जिन्दगी को बेहतर बनाने और उंचा करने के लिए वे ज्यादा पैसा लगायेंगे और इस के बारे में दोनों ममालिक और रक्षा मंत्रियों या दोनों सरकारों में कोई बातचीत होने की कोशिश हो रही है या नहीं ?

और दूसरी बात यह है कि मंत्री महोदय ने कहा इस्लामिक बम के बारे में, तो मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या इस्लामिक बम बनाने में—यह खबर भी आयी है कि अरब ममालिक उनका मदद कर रहे हैं ? अगर ऐसा है तो क्या हिन्दुस्तान की सरकार ने अरब ममालिक का ध्यान इस तरफ दिलाया है कि इस इस्लामिक बम को बनाने में उन का सहयोग रुपये के रूप में नहीं होना चाहिए क्योंकि यह सारा काम हिन्दुस्तान और पाकिस्तान और दूसरे मुल्कों के लिए भी खतरा का वाइस है और इस को रोका जाना चाहिए ।

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: The hon. Member is aware that Pakistan has proposed a no-war pact and our Prime Minister has, in return, gone one step further and has proposed really a treaty of friendship. It is more than a mere no-war pact. This dialogue is going on and certainly we do hope that a favourable arrangement may come through. If it comes through, this question of reduction of arms will be a consequence of that arrangement. It cannot precede the earlier arrangement.

With regard to the question whether the matter has been taken up with Arab countries, the answer is that we cannot do it because we do not want to imply that Arab countries are helping or assisting Pakistan in this Bomb and it will be really creating...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Does not matter. Do not be on the defensive yourself. The Defence Minister on the defensive? We will go on the question No. 345.

*345. [The questioner (Shri Rameshwar Singh) was absent. For answer vide col... *Infra.*]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 346.

Exports to the Soviet Union

*346. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR†

With the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the direction of India's foreign trade is getting positive weightage with the Soviet Union; and

(b) whether the prices that India obtains from the export of goods to the Soviet Union are less than what India obtains from the exports to the Western countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The share of U.S.S.R. in India's total trade increased from 7 per cent in 1978-79 to 11 per cent in 1980-81.

(b) The prices realised on exports to the Soviet union are generally not lower than those realised on exports to the western countries.

श्री अश्वनी कुमार: अध्यक्ष महोदय, सब से पहले तो मैं मंत्री महोदय से एक क्लैरिफिकेशन चाहूंगा। प्रश्न में दिया है whether the direction of India's foreign trade is getting positive weightage with the Soviet Union.

उन्होंने परसेंटेज बताया है। पाजिटिव वेटेज को एक्सप्लेन नहीं किया है कि उन्होंने किस तरह से 11 परसेंट बताया है। तो मैं पहले इस का क्लैरिफिकेशन

!The question was acutally asked on the floor of the House by Shri Ashwani Kumar.

चाहूंगा तब मैं अपना सप्लीमेंटरी पूछने की स्थिति में आऊंगा।

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: First of all I would like to seek clarification from the hon. Member as to what he means by that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I do not know. He wants some preliminary grounds to be covered.

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: It is upto the hon. Member to explain what he means by that expression. It is for him to explain the meaning.

श्री अश्वनी कुमार: मैंने हिन्दी में प्रश्न किया था...

SHRI SHRIDHAR WASUDEO DHABE: What is the answer?

श्री सभापति: सीधा सा सवाल करिए, पहलियां मत बुझाइयें।

श्री पी. ए. संगमा: क्या है आप का सवाल ?

श्री अश्वनी कुमार: श्रीमन, अगर उन्होंने मतलब नहीं बताया तो मैं उनसे पहले यह प्रश्न पूछना चाहता हूँ कि जो हमारा व्यापार रूस से होता है, उसका बेलेंस आफ ट्रेड हमारे फेवर में है या रूस, के फेवर में है? उसके अन्दर जो कास्ट आफ एक्सपोर्ट होता है वह यू. एस. ए. से जो हमारा ट्रेड होता है या ई. ई. सी. से होता है, या वेस्टर्न कंट्रीज से होता है---तीन मंजर ब्लाक्स हैं, यू. एस. एस. आर., ई. ई. सी. और वेस्टर्न कंट्रीज--इनके अन्दर जो हमारा कास्ट आफ एक्सपोर्ट होता है, इसको देखते हुए जो सोवियत यूनियन से हमारा ट्रेड है वह पाजिटिव है या कम है, वह जरा बताने की कृपा करें।

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: What is the meaning of 'cost of exports'?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: I do not know what he means. But I would like to say that our trade with the USSR is certainly in our favour and, in fact, the USSR is the single largest country where we are having the largest amount of