

(vi) a country-wide rural employment programme which offers additional opportunities to the rural poor for gainful employment during the lean agricultural season; and provision of essential minimum needs;

(vii) promoting village and small industries on a large scale.

(b) Details will be available when the Plan is finalised.

Statehood for Arunachal Pradesh

*460. SHRI RATAN TAMA;

SHRI NG. TOMPAK SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the basic consideration weighing with the Government of India for grant of statehood to an Union Territory;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and some other local bodies had recently demanded grant of statehood to the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and by when demands of the people are going to be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) In considering grant of statehood to a Union Territory, factors like area, population, terrain, level of economic development, financial resources and security considerations, if any, have to be gone into before any conclusion can be reached.

(b) No such demand has recently been received.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

Inspection of Pakistan borders with India and Afghanistan by a Delegation of USA and China

*460-A. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-level delegation of USA and China inspected the Pakistan borders with India and Afghanistan in November, this year; and

(b) what is Government's assessment about the dangerous potentialities to this move between China-Pak-USA and what action Government have taken to build-up effective defences in the light thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) A few high level military delegations and senior military officers from China and USA have visited Pakistan during November-December, 1980. Government have seen some reports of visits to Afghan Refugee Camps in Pakistan. But Government have no information to suggest that a high level delegation of USA and China visited Indo-Pak borders.

(b) All developments having a bearing on India's security environment are continuously monitored, analysed and taken into consideration

Supply of Sales tax forms to Traders in Delhi

@2546. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that irregularities in supply of sales tax forms 'C' and 'D' by the Sales Tax Department to traders in Delhi is causing inconvenience to the latter;

@Previously Unstarred Question No. 1740, transferred from the 9th December, 1980.