

Sale of Arms to Pakistan by U.S.A.

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States of America have agreed to sell ammunition, anti-tank missiles, jeeps and other military hardware to Pakistan as recently reported in the Press ;

(b) if so, what are the details (hereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) Government have seen reports to this effect.

(b) According to reports, U.S. is likely to sell to Pakistan TOW-antitank missiles, transport aircraft, jeeps and other military vehicles. As Pakistani learn also recently visited the United States, but to our knowledge so far no combat aircraft has been sold.

(c) It has been the view of the Government of India that large-scale supply of sophisticated weapons to Pakistan could adversely affect the processes of normalisation in the sub-continent. The Govt. of India hopes that the U.S. Government will exercise restraint in this matter.

Vacant Posts of Assistant Commissioners (Grade I) in the Provident Fund Organisation.

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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) since when the ten posts of Assistant Commissioners (Grade I) had been

lying vacant in the Provident Fund Organisation and what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that an equal number of personnel have been recruited directly against those vacant posts with the result that Junior Assistant Commissioners (Grade I) have superseded the departmental personnel already officiating on *ad hoc* basis in the Grade ; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures Government have taken or propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Vacant posts of Assistant Commissioners (Grade I) in the Provident Fund Organisation.

According to the information furnished by the Employees' Provident Fund Authorities, the position is as follows:

(a) The posts of Assistant Provident Fund Commissioners (Grade 1) are filled 50 per cent by direct recruitment and 50 per cent by departmental promotion. Ten posts to be filled by departmental promotion have been filled on *ad hoc* basis.

(b) and (c) The position in respect of direct recruits is that seven persons have been appointed on the basis of the recommendation of the Union Public Service Commission and the remaining have been filled on *ad hoc* basis. The *ad hoc* service does not count for purposes of reckoning seniority etc. The relative seniority of direct recruits and of promotees is determined according to the rotation of vacancies between direct recruits and promotees based on the quotas of vacancies reserved for direct recruitment and promotion respectively in the Recruitment Rules. The question of supersession of seniors by juniors does not arise.