

PAKISTANI HINDUS STAYING IN INDIA

767. SHRI DEBANANDA AMAT :
SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :
SHRI M. K. MOHTA ;
SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : SHRI
LOKANATH MISRA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to a statement made by Mr. Mumtaz AH Bhutto, Chief Minister of Sind (Pakistan) on 12th March, 1973. to the effect that Pakistan's efforts to persuade Hindu residents of Border areas to return to Pakistan have been largely unsuccessful ;

(b) whether there have been any discussion on the subject with the Pakistani Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether such Pakistani Hindus who are now on the Indian side of the border after the war will be allowed to stay in India permanently ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Government have seen reports of the Sind Chief Minister's statement to this effect.

(b) to (e) Following the Simla Agreement there have been several exchanges with Pakistan Government on this problem. As a result while Pakistan Government sent some political leaders from Sind to meet the displaced persons, they were unable to convince the latter that the requisite conditions prevailed in Pakistan for their safe return.

Government regard this as essentially a human problem and trust that Pakistan Government will take appropriate measures to create the necessary conditions to enable the affected persons to return to their homes in Pakistan in safety and honour.

ORDERS FOR INDIAN AIRCRAFT

768. SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that orders from

foreign countries for the supply of Indian made aircraft have been received by Government ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. CONCENTRATION BY

PAKISTANI TROOPS

69. SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistani troops are reported to be concentrating on the Indian Border ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGTVAN RAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF SECTION OFFICER

770. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR : Will the Minister of SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the special reasons prompting sudden change in the established procedure for selection of a Section Officer to the post of the Superintendent in the India Supply Mission, Washington ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there have already been several protests and representations against past selections for posting abroad of officers on communal consideration ; and

(c) if so, what effective steps have been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) There has been no such change.

(b) and (c) A few complaints/representations had been received in the past against selections for posting abroad of officers on allegedly communal considerations. These were examined and it was found that there was no substance in them.