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THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/

विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री

(SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) to (c) Government have seen the report which appeared in the Indian Express of the 2nd July, 1971 stating that, according to Awami League sources in Shillong, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is critically ill and has been removed to the military hospital at Rawalpindi. Government are greatly concerned about the welfare of the Sheikh who is the undisputed leader of the people of Bangla Desh. Our concern has also been conveyed to foreign governments who have been requested to use their influence with the Government of Pakistan to ensure the Sheikh's welfare.

भारत में अमरीकी जासूसी अड्डा

938. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :
श्री निरंजन वर्मा :
श्री चन्द्रमौलि जंगरलामुदी :
श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :
श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी :
श्री लाल आडवाणी :
श्री ना० कृ० शेजवलकर :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 26 जून, 1971 में 'हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स' में प्रकाशित इस समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है जिसमें 'वाशिंगटन पोस्ट' में प्रकाशित समाचार का हवाला देते हुए कहा गया है कि अमरीका ने चीन और रूस की आश्विक और प्रक्षेपास्त्र संबंधी गतिविधियों पर निगरानी रखने के लिए पाकिस्तान स्थित भूतपर्व जासूसी

अड्डे के बजाय उत्तर भारत में उच्च वर्गीकृत निगरानी संगठन स्थापित किया है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस संबंध में भारत सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

U.S. SPY BASE IN INDIA

938. SHRI J. P. YADAV;
SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA: SHRI
CHANDRAMOULI
JAGARLAMUDI. SHRI
JAGDISH PRASAD;
MATHUR: SHRI SUNDAR
SINGH;
BHANDARI: SHRI LAL K.
ADVANI: SHRI N. K.
SHEJWALKAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS/

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a news appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 26th June, 1971, quoting publication by 'Washington Post' that America has installed a highly classified surveillance system in Northern India replacing its former spy base in Pakistan to monitor nuclear and missile activities of China and Russia; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard ?]

विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह) : (क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) यह खबर गलत है । हमारी एक सुरक्षात्मक राडार व्यवस्था है जो पूरी तरह भारतीय कार्मिकों द्वारा चलायी जाती है और केवल भारत की आवश्यकता की पूर्ति करती है । कोई भी ऐसा आक्षेप कि पेशावर में अमेरिका को जो सुविधाएँ थीं यह व्यवस्था उनकी प्रतिस्थापना है, पूर्णतया गलत और शरारतपूर्ण है ।

†[] English translation.

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(SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This report is incorrect. We have a defensive radar system which is manned entirely by Indian personnel and caters exclusively to Indian requirements. Any insinuation that this system is somehow a replacement of the facilities which had existed for American use in Peshawar, or is used for the benefit of other countries, is totally false and mischievous.]

U.S. RADAR BASE IN INDIA

939. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:
SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the
Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that American press has reported about a U S. base in India;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any enquiry about this report;

(c) whether some American radar, were installed in India after Chinese aggression in India; and

(d) if so, whether some American experts are working on these radars?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
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विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री

(SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no truth in the report.

(c) A defensive radar system had been installed in the wake of the Chinese aggression, which consists in

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part of equipment obtained from the United States.

(d) No, Sir. It is manned entirely by Indian personnel and caters exclusively to Indian requirements.

HIJACKING OF INDIAN AIRLINES PLANE

940. SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY :
SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS/

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to a report in the 'Times of India' of 13th February, 1971, stating that the Government of India failed to apprise foreign missions of hijacking of the Indian Airlines Plane whereas the Pakistan Government expeditiously sent round a detailed note on the subject to various diplomatic missions, press and the public; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government of India in this regard ?

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(SHRI SURENDRA PAJR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The newspapers report in the 'Times of India' is factually incorrect. The Government of India took immediate steps to apprise foreign missions in New Delhi as well as foreign Governments of the facts relating to the hijacking incident. The incident was explained in detail in the perspective of Pakistan's continuous policy of confrontation bordering on hostility against India. Action in this regard was taken through normal diplomatic channels as well as by sending special missions consisting of senior officials of the Ministry of External Affairs to explain all relevant facts.