

SHRI DINESH SINGH: That was what I was trying to say that it has not been possible to persuade Pakistan to agree on any of these issues. Now, the question of taking up this issue alone has not been mooted with Pakistan, but there has not been a climate in Pakistan in which we get a favourable response to any such meeting.

SHRI N. G. GORAY: It seems that we are in a very difficult position because Pakistan is not ready to talk with us on this subject or any other subject. No military settlement is possible and no territorial adjustment is possible. Now, if that is so and if, as has been admitted by the Government, this exodus is a continuous affair, is it not the duty of the Government to make permanent arrangements to see that the refugees are accommodated as soon as possible? In view of this, I would like to know whether the Government has made any permanent arrangement for receiving and accommodating these refugees.

SHRI DINESH SINGH: For those refugees who have come here and who are seeking permanent settlement, permanent settlement arrangements are being made.

PAK- BUILD UP ON WEST BENGAL BORDER

\*94. SHRI N. G. GORAY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is building up its forces on the border of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by the Government of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) While there has been some increase in the troops strength in East Pakistan, recently, there has been no significant change in the disposition of Pakistani troops or in the pattern of their military activities on the West Bengal/East Pakistan border. All such developments having a bearing on our security have been taken note of in our defence plans.

SHRI N. G. GORAY: Just now we had an answer to the previous question. I would like to know from the Defence Minister whether this exodus has any relationship with the increased army strength in East Pakistan? Have they created any terror or any anti-Indian atmosphere?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Not the army according to our information, but the

general situation there inside the country between the communities has worsened.

SHRI N. G. GORAY: Does it mean that the relations between the two communities have been vitiated recently?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: They have never been too good and there are occasions when they get worse.

SHRI K. P. MALLIKARJUNUDU : I wish to know whether it is a fact that the Pakistan infantry strength has gone up to a full armoured corps with tank regiments spread over the northern sector towards Rangpur in East Pakistan. I wish to know whether it is a fact; secondly, whether the armoured corps consists of Chinese and American tanks; if so, whether the Government is prepared to meet any emergency.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: It is true that there has been movement of Pakistani troops from West Pakistan to East Pakistan. About the actual formation that they have got, whether it is a corps or whether it is a division, it is an internal organisational matter, and I would plead with the hon. House that even if we know about the existence of a corps headquarters or divisional headquarters, we would not like Pakistan to know that we know this. We have taken note of these movements. We are also aware of the fact that they have moved some tanks also to East Pakistan.

SHRI S. D. MISRA: The Minister is already telling Pakistan that we know.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH : Mr. Misra is right. So I should be even more cautious than this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Dharia.

SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY: Sir, the second part of the question is not answered. That is answerable. That has nothing to do with the first part.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Let the Member who put the question complain. I do not want others to do that.

SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY: It is the right of the House to seek the answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You should not cast reflection on the competence of the gentleman.

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: Sir, on a point of order. If the House does not feel satisfied with any part of the answer that is, I if the House thinks that a particular part

of the answer does not meet the question, admittedly the House should be allowed to ask for the answer.

MR. CHATRAMAN : It is the right of the questioner first to indicate whether there is any deficiency in the answer, and after that if anyone wants to raise a question, I will allow a supplementary.

SHRIMATI YI SMODA REDDY : You have already called another Member to put a supplementary.

SHRI S. D. MISRA: If an answer is not satisfactory, any Member can get up and seek clarification.

MR. CHAIRMAN : If in a special case there is something very important let me have discretion in that.

SHRI K. P. MALLIKARJUNUDU: My second question is not answered. The question is this, whether the armoured corps consists of Chinese and American tanks.

SARDAR SW. RAN SINGH: Sir, according to our information the Chinese tanks which are in the Pakistan army have not been moved to East Pakistan. They are different types of tanks, somewhat lighter tanks, which have been moved to East Pakistan.

SHRIM. M. DHARIA: In view of the heavy build-up of Pakistani forces on our border, in view of the functioning of Pakistan in close collaboration with the Chinese, and also in view of the launching of the first satellite by China, may I know whether the Government is reconsidering its policy in order to have nuclear weapons including atom bombs for the defence of our country? If not, why not?

SARDAR SW. RAN SINGH: Sir, we have taken note of the build-up of the Pakistani forces, that is, tanks, artillery, air force, etc., and we have taken suitable counter-action to meet any threat. About collusion between Pakistan and China I have kept this on the House fully informed of this from time to time. From this conventional build-up or movement of army to East Pakistan to the satellite and nuclear programme is much too wide a jump. That probably we can discuss on some other occasion. There is a calling attention on this - We can then discuss.

SHRI M. M. DHARIA: Why should the answer not come now? I asked whether the Government is considering to build up

nuclear weapons for the defence of the country including atom bombs and, if not, why not?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: We have stated from time to time that our nuclear programme is to build and develop our nuclear energy and nuclear technology for peaceful purposes. There is no alteration in this policy.

SHRI D. THENGARI: Is it a fact that the Government of Pakistan has decided to grant autonomy to East Pakistan by the end of June, and if this be so ...

SHRI KALYAN ROY : Sir, on a point of order. How is this relevant to this question?

SHRI D. THENGARI: Sir, my question is this. Is it not a fact that the Government of Pakistan has decided to grant autonomy to East Pakistan by the end of June? If so, has the Government of India worked out the implications of that autonomy on our defence system?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I do not think that internal autonomy given to East Pakistan has got any implications on the defence of our country because whatever autonomy they give, their intention is to keep Defence as a Central subject.

SHRI KALYAN ROY: Is the Minister aware that in the last two or three months one very senior officer who had the secrets of this particular area got down at Howrah station from Delhi and was missing with the papers, then he was traced in Jalpaiguri which is very near to Pakistan border? He is still missing. Is he aware of it? If so, has he instituted an enquiry into it? This news came in all the Calcutta papers.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: That is a separate question.

SHRI KALYAN ROY : It is a serious matter.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: All questions put in the House are serious or important. If a separate question is tabled, I will answer. It is essentially a matter (or the Home Minister).

SHRI KRISHAN KANT: May I know from the hon. Minister what is their assessment about the intention of Pakistan in having a build-up on the border because when the build-up is going on

side by side the exodus is going on? It means the military is responsible for the exodus so that the minority community can be squeezed out into India. May I know what is their assessment about the intention of Pakistan in the whole context?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: About the exodus of the minority community the Minister in charge of External Affairs has already given the information that was necessary. I do not think it will be very realistic for us to connect this movement and to feel or to give an impression that there are any defence overtones in this.

\*95- [The Questioner (Shri Sitaram Jaipurid) u-as absent. For Answer, vide col. 27 infra.]

#### EXPORT OF ENGINEERING GOODS

\*96. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the programme to step up the export of engineering goods during 1970-71 has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b) The Government and Engineering Export Promotion Council, an agency responsible for organising and promoting exports of engineering goods have been continually reviewing the export performance and adjusting promotional policies to suit the changing requirements. Annual Plan for exports of engineering goods for 1970-71 is in the process of finalization in terms of overseas contracting, raw material and other inputs re-quired for export production.

DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR: Sir, the hon. Minister has given a very vague reply and it does not say what export promotion steps the Govern-ment is taking. I would like to know whether any policy has been evolved to by certain percentage of exportable engineering goods from some of the backward States like Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and UP. These backward States are not able to export their engineering goods because they do not produce them in sufficient quantities.

The other question is how this programme compares with the previous years

and what is the target of export to the South Eastern countries and Arab countries. At the same time, I would also like to know whether in the engineering goods export business any case of under-invoicing and over-invoicing has been detected like the one in the jute industry by Bird and Company and Chamanlal and Company Private Limited. What action has been taken against some of these companies?

MR. CHAIRMAN : A very long question-\*

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : The engineering exports, despite the difficulties of raw materials and others, have done very well indeed in the last year and registered a growth of 19 percent. And in drawing up the plan for 1970-71, we are taking this growth factor into consideration and also we are ensuring that the availability of raw materials to the engineering goods industry is there so that this growth aspect in the engineering products can be maintained.

Sir, about the question of procuring engineering goods from the backwards States—the hon. Member has mentioned them—this has not been done because a very large percentage of the export is done by the exporters or the manufacturers exporters themselves. The STC also does export engineering products, and in that case it goes into the quality of the products and other things. And in this question, the place where the engineering industry is situated is not the point. But if the industries are able to compete, certainly every help is available to them so that they are able to export.

As far as under-invoicing and over-invoicing is concerned, that matter is dealt with by the Finance Ministry and about the two references that were given, they were earlier referred to in connection with something else and that has been discussed here; that has been dealt with—They are several years old.

DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR: I would like to ask another question. I wanted to know the countries. Well, I am asking a similar question now. So, the hon. Minister may answer this one. What are the engineering goods that are in great demand in the foreign countries and may I know whether we are exporting engineering goods to countries like West Germany, the USA and others where our foreign exchange is in hard currency? To the East European countries, we sell