

(d) Yes, for instance. The Government of Congo have assured us that in all such cases undue harassment will be avoided and sympathetic co-operation given.

INCREASE IN PAKISTAN'S ARMED STRENGTH

259. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR:

SHRI L. KANATH MISRA:

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SHRI SUNDAR SINGH BHANDARI:

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SHRI PREM MANOHAR:

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SHRI G. PANDA:

DR. B. N. ANTANI:

SHRI N. RANJAN VARMA:

SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY:

SHRI T. SIDDALINGAYA:

SHRI B. V. N. BEHARY DAS:

SHRI V. TULKA GOVINDA REDDY:

SHRI T. ILLAI VILLALAN:

SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN GUPTA:

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

SHRI S. D. MISRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the heavy increase in Pakistan's armed strength as reported recently by the British intelligence studies;

(b) whether it is a fact that Pak Air Force has 1 squadron of Ilyushin 28 light bombers and 2 squadrons of Mig-19 planes—all supplied by Russia;

(c) whether some foreign war equipment has also been received by Pakistan direct by or through other countries and if so, what are the names of those countries and the steps taken by Government to prevent the supply of war equipment to Pakistan;

(d) whether it is also a fact that according to the same source there has been a diminution of 10,000 in the strength of India's army; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons of reduction in our army when Pak strength is rapidly increasing?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE: STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) Government have seen the publication of the Institute for Strategic Studies, London, referred to.

(b) The House has been kept informed, from time to time, of the Pakistani military build-up and the acquisition of military equipment from various sources. The Ilyushin-28 bomber squadron and the Mig-19 squadrons were supplied to Pakistan by China and not the USSR.

(c) Pakistan has acquired military equipment from various countries, including China, USSR and France. As stated in the House, in reply to Unstarred Question No. 314 on 24th July 1969, Governments' views regarding arms supplies to Pakistan have been brought to the notice of all friendly governments through diplomatic channels.

(d) and (e) As indicated in the Annual Reports of the Ministry, several measures have been taken to reorganise our armed forces by reducing the administrative tail and improving its fire-power and mobility. This increase in the teeth to tail ratio has been achieved without exceeding the authorised manpower ceiling and cannot be construed as a reduction in our military strength.

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SHRI K. C. PANDA:

SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR:

SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dalai Lama, has urged the Government of India to take an initiative in raising the Tibet issue at the U. N. O.;

i (b) whether the Prime Minister received a memorandum signed by 200 Members of Parliament in this behalf;

(c) whether the Indian delegation consulted delegates from other countries regarding raising the issue in the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations;

(d) whether any resolution on the subject was sponsored by any country; and

(e) the decision taken by the Government of India in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (e) The question of raising the issue in the U. N. Human Rights Commission is under consideration. Other countries are being consulted.

(d) No, Sir.

SICK TEXTILE MILLS

261. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey of sick textile mills in the country;

(b) if so, the number of sick textile mills at present, Statewise;

(c) the number of textile mills which have so far been taken over by the National Textile Corporation; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by Government to improve the situation in the remaining mills which are faced with crisis ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) On the advice of National Textile Corporation management of 8 cotton textile mills has been entrusted to Authorised Controllers under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.

(d) National Textile Corporation will undertake modernisation of the mills for which Authorised Controller have been appointed after these mills are handed over to the National Textile Corporation on completion of action under Cotton Textile Companies (Management of

Undertakings and Liquidation or Reconstruction) Act, 1967. In the case of mills which are managed in a manner highly detrimental to the textile industry or to public interest, management will be taken over by the Government provided the mills can be run as viable units after reasonable investments. Government will also assist the mills in suitable cases to take advantage of the lowering of margins on advances and term loans, for which instructions have been issued by the Reserve Bank to the scheduled banks. Certain other measures are also under consideration of Government.

INDIA'S TRADE MISSIONS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

262. SHRI R.P. KHAITAN: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of India's Trade Missions in the foreign countries to boost India's foreign trade;

(b) whether our exports have increased on account of the efforts of these Trade Missions; and

(c) if so, the country-wise details about the quantum of increase in our export-during the years from 1966 to 1969 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) There are 54 Trade Missions abroad.

(b) and (c) These Trade Missions abroad are undoubtedly making their due contribution to the progressive increase in our total export trade; obviously it is not feasible to determine such contribution in terms of percentage or quantity.

SET-UP OF GUERRILLA TRAINING SCHOOL IN EAST PAKISTAN BY CHINA

263. SHRI A. D. MANI :

SHRI J. S. TILAK:

SHRI GANESHILAL CHAUDHARY :

SHRI K. P. MALLIKA
RJUNUDU :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that China has set up a guerilla training school in East Pakistan to train officers and men of the Pakistan Armed forces;

(b) whether any report has been received from the Indian High Commissioner at Karachi and Dacca in this connection; and