

करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भूतपूर्व एयर चीफ मार्शल ने हाल में एक पत्रिका में प्रकाशित अपने लेख में यह बात कही है कि चीन और पाकिस्तान की तुलना में भारतीय विमान उद्योग कमजोर स्थिति में है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस स्थिति में सुधार के लिए क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

f [STATEMENT OF FORMER AIR CHIEF MARSHAL REGARDING INDIAN AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY

691. SHRI RAJNARAIN : SHRI G. BARBORA : SHRI RFWATI KANT SINHA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Air Chief Marshal has stated in an article published in a magazine recently that as compared to China and Pakistan, the Indian aircraft industry is in a weaker position ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve this position ?]

रक्षा, इस्पात और भारी इंजीनियरी मंत्री (सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह) : (क) और (ख) प्रश्न में उद्धृत संदर्भ एक समाचार एजेंसी की उस रिपोर्ट से संबंधित जान पड़ती है, जो कि कुछ समाचारपत्रों में प्रेस इन्स्टीट्यूट आफ इंडिया द्वारा हाल ही में एयर चीफ मार्शल अर्जुन सिंह के नाम से प्रकाशित एक लेख के सारांश के रूप में छपी गयी थी। प्रेस इन्स्टीट्यूट आफ इंडिया द्वारा प्रकाशित लेख सितम्बर, 1965 में पाकिस्तान संघर्ष के पश्चात् आयोजित 'रक्षा' गोष्ठी (प्रेस इन्स्टीट्यूट आफ इंडिया द्वारा आयोजित) के अवसर पर पिछले एयर चीफ द्वारा की गई कुछ टिप्पणियों पर आधारित है। उस समय की परिस्थितियों में जो टिप्पणियां की गई थी, वे अब बिल्कुल अप्रासंगिक हैं। प्रेस

रिपोर्ट देखने के तुरन्त बाद ही एयर चीफ मार्शल अर्जुन सिंह ने स्थिति स्पष्ट करते हुए अन्य बातों के साथ प्रेस को यह बताया था कि पिछले चार वर्षों में भारतीय वायु सेना का विस्तार किया गया और उसे आधुनिक बनाया गया है तथा भारतीय विमान उद्योग का बहुत विस्तार किया गया है तथा उसकी कार्य क्षमता और अधिक बढ़ी है।

[THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a)

and (b) The reference in the question appears to be to a news agency report which appeared in some newspapers purporting to summarise a paper recently published by the Press Institute of India in the name of Air Chief Marshal Arjan Singh. The paper published by the Press Institute of India is apparently based on certain observations made by the former Air Chief in a Symposium on Defence (organised by the Press Institute of India), soon after the hostilities with Pakistan in September 1965. The observations which were made in the circumstances then prevailing, are now completely out of context. Immediately on seeing the press report, Air Chief Marshal Arjan Singh clarified the position to the press stating *inter alia* that during the last four years the Indian Air Force has expanded and modernised itself and that the aircraft industry in India has vastly expanded and acquired additional capacity.]

SIKH GURDWARS IN PAKISTAN

692. SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR : SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India have since taken up with the Government of Pakistan the question of improving the conditions of Sikh Gurdwaras left in Pakistan ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

taken up with the Pakistan Government five times in 1968 and twice in 1969, urging them to ensure proper maintenance of the shrines.

(c) Does not arise.

AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PUNJAB

693. SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Punjab have asked for some funds during the Fourth Five Year Plan for industrial and agricultural development in the State ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ; and

(c) the reaction of the Government of India thereto ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Programmes for agricultural and industrial development form part of the Plan towards which the Centre is already providing assistance. Apart from this, no specific request appears to have been received from the Government of Punjab.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

INDIAN PROPERTY AUCTIONED BY PAKISTAN

694. SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken further by the Government of India to get back the Indian property which was confiscated by the Government of Pakistan during the Pak. aggression of 1965 ;

(b) whether the Government of Pakistan have recently auctioned more such property ; if so, the reaction of the Government of India thereto ; and

(c) the value of Indian property so far auctioned by Pakistan ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) We have been approaching the Government of Pakistan to discuss the matter. We have been pressing that they are obliged under the Tashkent Declaration to discuss with us the return of the properties.

(b) As far as we know, there has been no recent auction or sale of the properties.

(c) Government of Pakistan has been asked to give us immediately a complete list of Indian properties seized and disposed of together with their values. Their reply is still awaited.

संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघ में प्रवेश पाने के लिए चीन की उत्सुकता

695. श्री राम सहाय : क्या वंदेशिक कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या सरकार को यह विदित है कि चीन संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघ में स्थान पाने के लिए बहुत ही उत्सुक है और क्या उसने इस सम्बन्ध में कनाडा के द्वारा कोई पहल की है ?

f[CHINA'S ANXIETY TO JOIN U.N.O.]

695. SHRI RAM SAHAI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government are aware that China is very much anxious to join the United Nations Organisation and whether she has taken any initiative through Canada in this regard ?]

वंदेशिक कार्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह) : भारत सरकार को इस संबंध में कोई सूचना नहीं है। लेकिन उन्होंने हाल ही में एक अखबारी खबर देखी है, जिसमें कनाडा के विदेश मंत्री को यह कहते बताया गया है कि चीन संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघ में शामिल होने के लिए उत्सुक है और उसने कनाडा से अपने प्रवेश के लिए समर्थन मांगा है।

t[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : The Government of India have no information in the matter. They have, however, seen recent press reports quoting the Canadian External Affairs Minister as saying that China is keen to join the United Nations and it had asked Canada to back its admission.]

ANTI-INDIA PROPAGANDA BY PAKISTAN

696. SARDAR HARCHARAN SINGH DUGAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

+ [] English translation.