

†[THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) Government have no information on any significant supplies having been made by the U.K. recently.

(b) Does not arise.]

AIR SPACE VIOLATIONS BY CHINA AND PAKISTAN

906. SHRIMATI SARLA BHADURIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of land air space violations committed by China and Pakistan during the last three months; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) According to the information available to Government to-date, 17 land intrusions and 6 air violations were committed by Pakistan during the last three months i.e., since 5th September 1968. There was one instance of land intrusion by China during this period but no air violation.

(b) Cease-fire violation complaints have been lodged with the U.N. Observers in respect of violations across the cease-fire line and protests have been lodged in regard to other violations. In addition, the border/C.F.L. continue to be patrolled by our security forces.

1970 AS YEAR OF PEACE

907. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.N. Council has decided to treat 1970 as the year of peace; and

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

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The General Assembly has included in its agenda an item on the 25th anniversary celebration of the UN in 1970. The General

Committee of the General Assembly is at present considering various proposals in this connection. India which is a member of this Committee has proposed that the year 1970 should be observed as a year of peace.

NATIONAL CALENDAR

908. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to publish a National Calendar from the year 1969; and

(b) if so, whether it will be on the basis of Scientific Astronomical data or on that of Shastras and Panchangs?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting do not propose to publish such a calendar. The National Calendar with Saka Era was adopted by the Government of India with effect from March 22, 1957 corresponding to the 1st of Chaitra 1879. Based on this, Rashtriya Panchang in English, Hindi and ten regional languages is also being regularly published annually from 1957-58 (1879 Saka Era) by the Director General of Observatories. The Rashtriya Panchang for 1969-70 (1891 Saka Era) is in press.

(b) The Rashtriya Panchang is based on scientific astronomical data and includes also festival dates fixed according to Shastras.

SOVIET NAVAL PENETRATION IN INDIAN OCEAN

909. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news-item published in the "Hindustan Times" dated 13-11-68 in which it is stated that there is fear of Soviet naval penetration into the Indian Ocean;

(b) if so, whether the Government of India has got any information in this matter; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?