

(b) if so, in which year was the question considered, and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b) This broad question is now engaging the attention of the Government of India.

(c) Does not arise.

POSSESSION OF BALLISTIC MISSILES BY CHINA

236. SHRI J. S. TILAK : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that China will possess this year a deployment of a medium-range ballistic missiles and will shortly thereafter be able to deploy a long-range inter-continental ballistic missile ;

(b) if so, whether this involves a serious threat to India as well as the whole of Asia ; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to meet this threat ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) to (c) As stated in the House on 25th July, 1968, in reply to Unstarred Question No. 251, China has been laying considerable emphasis on the production of medium range ballistic missiles with nuclear warheads. Considering the pace of Chinese nuclear development so far, China's first deployment of a limited number of medium range missiles may not be far away. The Chinese may achieve an operational ICBM capability before 1972. These developments could represent a potential threat to peace. Their effect on our security is a subject of continuous review by Government. The attitude of Government on nuclear weapons has been made clear on a number of occasions.

भारत के विरुद्ध चीनी तथा पाकिस्तानी प्रचार का सामना करने के लिए कदम

237. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चीन तथा पाकिस्तान भारत के विरुद्ध निरन्तर विष वमन कर रहे

हैं तथा ससार को भारत विरोधी बनाने का प्रयत्न कर रहे हैं और भारत के भीतर पंचमांगी तत्वों को भी बढ़ावा दे रहे हैं , और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसका सामना करने के लिये भारत सरकार द्वारा क्या अतिरिक्त कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

†[STEPS TO COUNTERACT CHINESE AND PAKISTANI PROPAGANDA AGAINST INDIA

237. SHRI J. P. YADAV . Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that China and Pakistan have been continuously indulging in venomous propaganda against India, trying to make the world hostile to India and also inciting fifth columnists within India itself , and

(b) if so, what additional steps are being taken by the Government of India to counteract the same ?]

प्रधान मंत्री तथा वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री (श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी) : (क) जी हा, यह सच है कि चीन और पाकिस्तान, दोनों बराबर भारत विरोधी प्रचार करते ह, और भारत के भीतर भी कुछ तत्वों को उकसाते हैं ।

(ख) सरकार की सूचना के अनुसार विदेशों में इस प्रचार का कोई असर नहीं होता । इसलिए कोई और कदम उठाना आवश्यक नहीं समझा जाता । बहरहाल, इसका प्रतिकार करने के लिए विदेश-स्थित अपने मिशनो को बराबर समुचित सामग्री भेजी जाती रहती है ।

†[THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) It is a fact that both China and Pakistan persistently indulge in anti-Indian propaganda, and also incite certain elements within India itself.

(b) Government's information is that this propaganda has little impact abroad. However, our Missions abroad are regularly being supplied with suitable material to counter-act it.]

†[] English translation.