

**THE REPORT (MAY, 1965) OF THE  
REVIEW COMMITTEE ON EXPORT-  
PROMOTION COUNCILS**

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Report. (May, 1965), of the Review Committee on Export Promotion Councils. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4700/65].

SHRI BIREN ROY (West Bengal): Sir, I rise on a point of order. Before the hon. Minister of Civil Aviation makes the statement ....

MR. CHAIRMAN. I have not called upon him to make it. Please sit down. Mr. Thomas will now make a statement

**STATEMENT RE: SITUATION IN  
JAMMU AND KASHMIR**

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): Mr. Chairman, hon. Members must have by now heard of the large-scale armed attack made by regular Pakistan forces in the Cham sector. The attack which began yesterday morning by a brigade of infantry and 70 tanks was preceded by heavy shelling of our positions by the Pakistani artillery. The Pakistanis crossed the International Frontier close to the junction of the Cease-fire Line with the International Frontier. Because of the massive attack, Pakistanis have been able to make a salient of about five miles deep.

Yesterday evening our Air Force made a strike and in the combined resistance by our ground troops as well as the air strike, 13 Pakistani tanks were destroyed. Many enemy vehicles and guns were also hit. Two of our aircraft are missing and two

have been damaged. Other casualties of the battle are not yet known.

The situation is under control; and necessary counter-measures have been initiated. Militarily it is a developing situation. The massive intervention of armour by Pakistan has escalated the conflict rapidly. We have to take an overall view of defence. Our troops are fighting bravely and confidently and I am certain that our forces are competent to meet any situation.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal): I join with the hon. Minister and the House in sending our deepest thoughts and congratulations to our Armed Forces for defending the borders and our land. But I should like to have a clearer picture of the strategic importance or the meaning of this phase of Pakistani aggression. Secondly, in the statement it has been stated that certain tanks have been destroyed. We know for a fact—and it has been stated otherwise also in authoritative sources—that these tanks are Patton tanks. U.S. tanks have been pressed into service once again in a direct aggression, unconcealed and unabashed aggression, and these are being destroyed.

Now, Sir, naturally I am a little surprised that in the statement that has been made the words 'Patton tanks' have been missed; the Government has not divulged it. I should like to know in this connection, apart from other steps that our Armed Forces are taking, what steps the Government propose to take politically against this massive use of American tanks against India violating everything, the Security Council Resolution, the assurances of Mr. Eisenhower—whatever they meant—and the various other international commitments. And it is also clear that America is not going to stop Pakistan from using American arms which come to about—according to many estimates—three hundred or five hundred crores of rupees, against