

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 Commit-
tee on Export Promotion Councils.
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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 Pakis-
tan forces in the Cham sector. The
attack which began yesterday morn-
ing 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 casual-
ties of the battle are not yet known.

The situation is under control; and
necessary counter-measures have been
initiated. Militarily it is a develop-
ing situation. The massive interven-
tion 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. Minis-
ter 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 state-
ment 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 unabash-
ed 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 Govern-
ment 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 violat-
ing 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