

National Industrial Tribunal Award and the instructions issued by the Government of India in this behalf, by recruiting outsiders or promoting junior hands thereby ignoring the rightful claimants; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take in this behalf ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. Representations received are examined and dealt with on merits.

ROLE OF PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE MANUFACTURE OF DEFENCE STORES

*** III. SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIA MENON :** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister for Defence Production has stated at the first conference of Chief Inspectors of Directorate General of Inspection Organisation that private sectors are being increasingly employed for the manufacture of Defence stores;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for employing private concerns for this purpose;

(c) whether Government are considering any proposal to manufacture all Defence stores in Ordnance Factories; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The principal suggestion in this respect in the speech was that the manufacture of Defence equipment should be as broad-based as possible and that greater effort should be made to familiarise the private sector with Defence specifications and equipment so that they can undertake fuller participation in this.

(b) to (d) Ordnance Factories are equipped and tooled to manufacture a wide range of equipments and will continue to be the sole source of supply of complete arms and filled ammunition. It is, however, not possible for the Ordnance Factories to manufacture the entire range of Defence stores required by the Armed Forces. To achieve maximum self-sufficiency, serious efforts are being made to utilise production facilities in the country, both in the public and private

sector, to augment the capacity available in the Defence factories. This would not only help in import substitution and thus save considerable foreign exchange but would also help to build up capacities in the civil sector which may be used in times of emergency. However, this would not be at the cost of public sector.

POSTS OF JUNIOR SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANTS IN THE E. R. D. L., KIRKEE

*** 112. SHRI B. K. GAIKWAD :** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the year 1961 two posts of Junior Scientific Assistants Grade I were reserved, one for persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the other for Scheduled Tribes in the E. R. D. L., Kirkee ;

(b) the number of applications received for these posts;

(c) whether it is a fact that there were duly qualified and experienced persons from among Scheduled Caste applicants available in the E. R. D. L., Kirkee, itself ;

(d) whether it is a fact that in spite of the availability of Scheduled Caste candidates the post was made unreserved; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

FLIGHT OF PAK. AIRCRAFT OVER INDIA

*** 113. SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY :
SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY :**

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that permission has been given to the Government of Pakistan not only to fly their military aircraft between East and West Pakistan over India but also to land their aircraft on the Indian soil for refuelling purposes;

(b) if so, the circumstances under which such permission has been given; and

(c) what are the terms and conditions under which and the period for which the permission has been given ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) to (c) On a request by the Government of Pakistan the Government of India agreed to the staging flight in May last of seven such aircraft through India, with a halt at the civil airfield at Amausi, Lucknow, predetermined by us for this landing for purposes of inspection besides refuelling. The aircraft were allowed to stage through under the Government of India control, along the civil airline pre-determined route.

Our aircraft have also been staging through Pakistan whenever required, with the consent of the Pakistan Government.

PLANNING COMMISSION DEPUTY CHAIRMAN'S VISIT TO RUSSIA

*114. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission is visiting Russia shortly;

(b) if so, the reasons for his visit; and

(c) whether he proposes to visit any other country also ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) Attention is invited to answer given to Unstarred Question No. 415 dated 22nd February, 1968. In pursuance of the decision referred to therein, the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission is expected to lead a delegation to Moscow in September next.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

काश्मीर में युद्ध-विराम रेखा पर पाकिस्तानी सेनाओं की गतिविधियों में तेजी का आना

*115. श्री. रेवती कान्त सिंह : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत सरकार को पता चला है कि काश्मीर में युद्ध विराम रेखा के पार पाक अधिकृत काश्मीर के इलाके में पाकिस्तानी सेनाओं की गतिविधियों में तेजी लाई जा रही है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो हमारी सरकार बचाव के लिये क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

†[INTENSIFICATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF PAKISTANI FORCES ON THE CEASE-FIRE LINE IN KASHMIR

*115. SHRI REWATI KANT SINHA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have noticed any intensification of activities of the Pakistani forces in the Pakistan occupied area of Kashmir across the cease-fire line; and

(b) if so, what defensive measures are being taken by our Government ?]

रक्षा मंत्री (सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह) : (क) तथा (ख) यद्यपि जम्मू तथा काश्मीर में युद्ध-विराम रेखा के पार पाकिस्तानी सेनाओं का अधिक क्रियाकलाप नहीं है, ताशकन्द समझौते के बाद भी पाकिस्तानी सशस्त्र सेनाओं के भारी जमाव द्वारा संकट के प्रति सरकार सावधान है, और उसके कारण संकट का सामना करने के लिए अपनी रक्षा योजनाओं में उचित उपबंध किया गया है।

†[THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Although there is no substantial intensification of activities of Pakistani forces across the Cease-fire Line in J. & K., Government are aware of the threat posed by the big build-up of Pakistani armed forces even after the Tashkent Agreement and suitable provision to meet the threat arising therefrom is made in our defence plans.]

U. S. S. R. ARMS TO INDIA

*116. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of U. S. S. R. has been prevailed upon by the Government of Pakistan to reconsider the question of the supply of arms by the former to India; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government of India are taking to counter the Pakistani efforts to create a wedge between Russia and India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

†[] English translation.