

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 अचाव 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, तथाकथित 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.