

(a) whether Government have received any representation from voluntary health groups requesting for pragmatic pesticides policies keeping in view world wide movement towards organic farming;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to start vigorous research and Development efforts for the use of indigenous plant pesticides as also biological control and start manufacture of these products in Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.;

(c) whether a Pesticides Review Committee is also being contemplated to examine this question afresh; and

(d) if so, the composition of the Committee and the terms of reference?

**THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The use of biological control agents is an integral part of Integrated Pest Management approach advocated by the Government.

The development of botanical pesticides has been given high priority in the research activities of I.C.A.R.

M/s. Hindustan Insecticides Limited has envisaged the manufacture of pesticides based on plant products and bio-cides, as and when found commercially feasible.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

### **Review of Nuclear Policy**

1597. **SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA:**  
**SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD:**  
**SHRI HARISH RAWAT:**  
**SHRI Y.S. RAJA SEKHAR REDDY:**  
**SHRI MANDHATA SINGH:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review its nuclear policy in view of weapons oriented nuclear programme by Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof:

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL):** (a) and (b). The weapons oriented nuclear programme of Pakistan is a matter of deep concern to Government. The security situation of India is constantly under review, particularly in the light of the developments in her neighbourhood. The Government of India will take all necessary measures designed to cope with any threat that may be posed to the security of the nation.

### **Acquisition of Arms by Pakistan from USA and China**

1598. **SHRI R.N. RAKESH:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has recently purchased sophisticated arms and equipments on large scale from foreign countries particularly from U.S. and China, thereby posing a threat to the security of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and