

Pakistani Air exercises in vicinity of our borders

2390. SHRI K. K. TEWARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India are aware of the Extensive air exercises undertaken by the Pakistani Air Force in the vicinity of our borders;

(b) whether the exercises were directed and supervised by the Chinese experts;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to maintain the balance between the Pakistani and the Indian Air Forces; and

(d) is it a fact that our major cities and military establishments have become more vulnerable to the growing might of the Pakistani Air Force following the supply of Sophisticated aircrafts by the Chinese and the Western countries to Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (d) The Government of India is aware of the air exercises undertaken by the Pakistani Air Force. There is no evidence to believe that Chinese experts were involved in direction and supervision of the said exercises. While deciding on the re-equipment and modernisation programme for the Services, the known and likely re-equipment programmes of Pakistan and our appreciation of the threat to India is taken into account.

Infiltration into J and K from Pakistan and China

2391. SHRI CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:

SHRI CHITTA MAHATA:

SHRI B. V. DESAI:

SHRI P. M. SAYEED:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the press re-

port appearing in the *Hindustan Times* of 6 October, 1980 under the heading Soviets allege Peking designs on Kashmir;

(b) to what extent these reports have been confirmed by the Indian Government;

(c) whether large-scale infiltration from China and Pakistan into Jammu and Kashmir has been reported;

(d) whether it is also a fact that both China and Pakistan forces are concentrating on our borders in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b) Government have seen the Press Report. There is no confirmed information available to suggest that China has any designs on Kashmir.

(c) There is no information available to suggest large-scale Chinese or Pakistani infiltration into J and K.

(d) There are reports to suggest any unusual concentration of Chinese or Pakistani troops across J&K border.

(e) Any unusual military build-up in our neighbourhood including the possibility of collusion between any two countries is also taken into consideration while updating our defence preparedness.

Foreign hand in riots in Srinagar

2392. SHRI R. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: (a) whether Government have conducted any investigation into the involvement of a foreign hand behind the recent riots in Srinagar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) and (b) The Government have no information regarding involvement of foreign hand in the recent violent