

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I have denied that there is any proposal to create zonal cadre.

MR. SPEAKER : Is there any All India Cadre which can be made into a zonal cadre ? It should be treated as a whole. That is all.

SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE : The question has not been properly understood. There is a new training programme for these IAS Officers. I wanted to know how far is it going to fulfil our Prime Minister's promises ?

MR. SPEAKER : Did you understand this question ? Did you understand the head and tail of the question ?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : This question deals with the zonal cadres. The hon. Member wanted to know about the training. I can answer about training. There are two training programmes : one is an one-week refresher course, and the other is a four-week training programme. The two programmes have different objectives. Fortyone institutes have been selected for running these programmes. We expect to finish the first turn-around of one-week refresher courses by June 1986. We expect to finish the first turn-around of the four-week training programmes in three years' time; and we think that this training is very beneficial to the IAS cadre, and that it will help the Administration.

SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Since the Government has already taken a series of measures to streamline the administrative machinery in the country, will the Minister please inform us whether, in future, the specialist jobs would be left to the specialists alone, and IAS will only fill up essential cadre posts ?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : This is an idea which is being seriously examined in the Ministry; and when we finalize the policy of restructuring the Service, this will be one of the things which we will keep in mind.

MR. SPEAKER : Next Question No. 46. Mr. Lakshman Mallick is not there, nor is Mr. Kamla Prasad Rawat.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY : Mr. Rawat was keen to put this question.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : I have no objection...

MR. SPEAKER : The Minister may have no objection; but I have.

(Interruptions)

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : He specializes in extremism in Punjab.

MR. SPEAKER : He constitutes the anti-terrorist squad.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY : Sir, you are also interested in this issue.

MR. SPEAKER : Naturally, I am.

Now next question, No. 47. Mr. Dennis is not available, nor is Mr. Bhoje.

Next is question No. 48. Mr. Sanat Kumar Mandal is not available. Mr. Mohd. Mahfooz Ali Khan.

Acquisition of U. S. Electronic Weapons by Pakistan

*48. SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN :

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan is acquiring U. S. electronic weapons including US Fire Finders worth \$41 million this year;

(b) if so, whether this has posed a grave threat to India's security; and

(c) the steps being taken to countenance the situation arising from Pakistan being armed with such lethal weapons by the U.S. Government ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a)

Pakistan is acquiring Fire Finder Radar system from USA.

(b) and (c). Induction of such sophisticated weaponry is a matter of concern as it results in the diversion of resources from economic development to defence, Government continues to maintain a constant vigil over all developments having a bearing on the country's security.

[Translation]

SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, what I want to know is as to why U.S.A. is giving assistance to Pakistan in spite of the fact that our Prime Minister had visited U.S.A. some time back and it is a known fact that Pakistan's preparations are aimed against us. I want to know what agreement was reached with U.S.A. ? Will the U.S.A. supply weapons only to Pakistan or will they give some assistance to our country also ?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : For the present, they are supplying only to Pakistan. We did not seek any assistance from them nor do we intend to do so.

SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI IKHAN : It is alright that we have no intention to seek assistance from them, but Pakistan is making preparations against us. Their plea that their preparations are aimed at some other country is nothing but an excuse. Our Hon. Prime Minister should talk with the U.S.A. so that we could also get some assistance.

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : So far as the security of the country is concerned, the supply of weapons to Pakistan is causing concern and danger to us; you as well as this House are aware of it. We have expressed our concern repeatedly on this issue and we are making all preparations to see that our security is ensured. Our Prime Minister as well as I have held talks in this regard with the American leaders and officials and have drawn their attention particularly to the two issues. We have told them that it is causing disturbance and adding to the tension not only in India and Pakistan but in the entire South Asia. It has created a war psychosis which is not conducive to peace. The second thing which

we told them was that, as I said in reply to the question also, we apprehend that Pakistan would use those weapons against us, and, therefore, in order to keep ourselves fully prepared we shall have to divert our scarce resources from economic development to military preparation. We have also stressed these points.

[English]

SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI : At one point of time, while answering to this question, he had said that the induction of arms in Pakistan from America was posing a serious threat to our security. How is it that, when it is causing a serious threat to our security, we are talking in terms of peace friendship and non-aggression treaty with Pakistan ? How is it that Government are reconciling these two extreme positions ? Does he not feel that the present talk of non-aggression treaty or offer of friendship by the Zia-ul-Haque regime is merely a cover to give legitimacy to his military rule when such military rules, as against democratic rules, are under threat in different countries ?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : That may be the possible motivation for Pakistan to seek peace with us. But the point is that there is no contradiction in the truth that Pakistan is building itself, arming itself and it is posing a threat to us. The real question is what sort of relationship as two neighbours we should have. I think there is no iota of doubt in any mind that inevitably as a long-term or even a short-term or a medium-term arrangement. India and Pakistan should build up a relationship of peace and friendship, friendly relations; that is in the interest of both the countries. Pursuing this perception not today but always, we have been trying—although Pakistan has been taking a different direction and position; Pakistan has taken recourse to confrontation—and we believe that any durable peace between India and Pakistan is the only logical and mutually beneficial arrangement. While we are not unaware of the danger of acquisition of arms, sophisticated weapons by Pakistan, which is posing a threat to us, we are taking care of it separately and pursuing it diplomatically in countries from where they acquire arms, which are posing danger to peace and security of India, but, at the same time, we are also pursuing the path

of friendship and cooperation with Pakistan.

[*Translation*]

SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : You have just now said that we have drawn the attention of U.S.A. to the fact that it is causing danger to South East Asia. Therefore, I want to know what action U.S.A. have taken after their attention was drawn to it and what was their reaction to it ?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : This is a continuous process. We have been impressing upon them all along ever since arms supply to Pakistan was first made, under which arms and economic aid worth 3.2 billion dollars was proposed, and we had hoped that U.S.A. would show consideration to our position, because they have their own perceptions in all matters. In this region also, they have their own perceptions and national interest. Yet these talks continue.

SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : What I asked was as to what the reaction of U.S.A. was when you drew their attention to these matters ? You tell us about that.

MR. SPEAKER : I am not allowing you another supplementary.

[*English*]

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Mr. Speaker, Sir,...(*Interruptions*)*

MR. SPEAKER : I have not allowed him; not allowed.

(*Interruptions*)*

MR. SPEAKER : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Extremists Activities in Punjab

*46. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK :
SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of persons have been shot dead in the State of Punjab by extremists during the last few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government of Punjab in this matter; and

(d) the reaction of Union Government in this regard and the steps contemplated to contain the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the Govt. of Punjab, 50 persons were killed due to extremist/terrorist activities during the period 1-10-85 to 10-2-1986.

(c) Several steps reported to have been taken by the Government of Punjab include intensification of patrolling, strengthening of police arrangements in areas prone to extremist violence and close watch on the hide-outs of extremist elements.

(d) The Central Government has made available considerable para-military force to the State Government for internal security purposes.

Ethnic Problem of Sri Lanka

*47. SHRI N. DENNIS :
SHRI R. M. BHOYE :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Sri Lanka has agreed finally to resolve the residual problems related to Tamils of Indian origin in Sri Lanka under the 1964 agreement between the two countries; and

(b) whether there have been continued incidents of violence on Tamils in Sri Lanka; and

(c) the latest outcome of the dialogue going on between India and Sri Lanka to