

with the nagging suspicion that it is perhaps the basic organisation for defence of the Himalayan frontier that requires examination";

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to put matters right ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Major General Lunt has referred only to the suitability of the Mountain Division to defend the Himalayan frontier. Considering the nature of threats across these borders, it is considered that to defend our Northern and North-East frontiers basically the Mountain Division is suitable. Reorganisations in these Divisions have been made from time to time having regard to our security needs, operational requirements and the experience gained in the working of these formations.

(c) The organisation of the Mountain Division, like the organisation of any formation, is being periodically reviewed and whatever changes are considered necessary and feasible are implemented. As a result of the various changes made since 1963, the Mountain Division now has larger fighting elements, better lines of supply, greater fire power, and improved mobility.

**Mr. William Roger's Visit to India,**

- \*78. SHRI S. XAVIER :  
SHRI G. C. NAIK :  
SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM :  
SHRI HEM RAJ :  
SHRI K. M. ABRAHAM :  
SHRI J. K. CHOUDHURY :  
SHRI HEM BARUA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the US Secretary of State Mr. William Rogers, recently visited New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of talks which the Government of India had with him; and

(c) the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) to (c) . The U. S. Secretary of State, Mr. William Rogers visited India from 23rd to 24th May.

During his stay he had talks with the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister. He also called on the Acting President. Besides bilateral relations, other important international issues were discussed. It is, however, not customary to disclose details of such confidential talks. The talks, in our opinion, were fruitful.

**Indo-Ceylon Pact of 1964.**

- \*79. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :  
SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA :  
SHRI M. S. OBERAI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been any difficulties in the implementation of the Indo Ceylon Pact in 1964 in regard to the Stateless persons of Indian origin;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are taking any vigorous steps to see that the pact is implemented; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A Joint Committee consisting of officials of our High Commission and the Ceylon Government has been meeting regularly in Colombo to review the Progress. A rehabilitation. Cell has been set up in our Mission in Colombo to deal specifically with the work of rehabilitation. The Government of India have, in consultation with the concerned State Governments, drawn up rehabilitation schemes in the form of financial and resettlement assistance.

**Supply of Arms to Pakistan by U. S. A. and U. S. S. R.**

- \*80. SHRI TRIDIB KUMAR CHAUDHURI :

SHRI JAGESHWAR YADAV :  
DR. KARNI SINGH :

Will the MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have assess the actual position from India's securi