Refusal by Russian Pilots to play over

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Russian pilot refused to undertake a test flight of a Russian mail helicopter over NEFA on the plea that area was shown as belonging to China in a Russian map;
- (b) if so, whether the matter has been brought to the notice of USSR Government;
- (c) whether the helicopter in question was tested elsewhere; and
- (d) if so, the opinion of Government about the particular type of helicopters and the reaction of USSR Government to the conduct of the said pilot?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a), (b) and (d). A Russian team brought a Mi-8 helicopter to India recently for evaluation trials under Indian conditions. During the course of trials they did not agree to fly the helicopter over certain areas. The matter was

taken up with the Soviet authorities who stated that this had happened due to misunderstanding and immediately reassured that there could be no question of Russian pilots not flying helicopters in accordance with our instructions. A final decision on the selection of Mi-8 helicopter for purchase has not yet been taken.

(c) Yes, Sir.

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*225. श्री रणजीत सिंह : श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी : श्री बृज भूषण लाल : श्री रामगोपाल शालवाले : श्री सुरजभान :

क्या वंदेशिक व्यापार तथा पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृत करें भे कि:

- (क) क्या मूल्यों, लागतों तथा शुल्कों के बारे में सांविधिक आयोग की नियुक्ति करने के सम्बन्ध में विचार कर लिया गया है;
- (स) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और
- (ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस बारे में बिलम्ब के क्या कारए। हैं ?

बैदेशिक व्यापार तथा पूर्ति मंत्री (श्री ब० रा० भगत): (क) से (ग). मृत्यों, लागतों तथा शुल्कों के बारे में एक सांविधिक आयोग की नियुक्ति के विषय में प्रशासनिक सुधार आयोग की सिफारिश के सभी पहलुओं पर अभी विचार किया जा रहा है।

Refusal of Permission to Sikh Pilgrims to Visit Dehra Sahib Gurdwara on 18.5.69 in Pakistan

- *226. SHRI K, M. KOUSHIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether Pakistan recently refused