

(d) The report is not correct. No such representation has been received from the Government of South Vietnam

(e) Does not arise.

#### Nationalisation of Foreign Trade

- \* SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :
- SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH :
- SHRI JAGANNATH RAO JOSHI :
- SHRI RAM GOPAL SHALWALE :
- SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :
- SHRI SHARDA NAND :
- SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN LAL :
- SHRI S. P. RAMAMOORTHY :
- SHRI C. C. DESAI :
- SHRI D. AMAT :
- SHRI MEETHA LAL MEENA :
- SHRI C. MUTHUSAMI :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government propose to nationalise the whole foreign trade ; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b). No. Sir. It is, however, proposed to extend progressively the scope of activities of the State Trading agencies in the import and export trade, specially with a view to accelerate the process of entrusting the import of raw materials to these agencies.

#### Brezhnev Plan for Asian Security

\*72. SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the outcome of his recent visit to Moscow ;

(b) whether the Russian authorities clarified the meaning of Brezhnev plan called the Asian Security system ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether the U.S.S.R. Government agreed for the new contract for manufacturing of the improved version of MIG-21 Aircraft in India ; and

(e) the plan of U.S.S.R. to provide arms to Pakistan in future ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (d). The recent visit of the Defence Minister to the Soviet Union provided an opportunity for exchange of views with the Defence Minister of Soviet Union and other leaders on various problems of mutual interest. It will not be in the public interest to disclose details of these discussions.

(b) and (c). The Hon. Member may be referring to certain remarks made by Mr. Brezhnev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party in a speech delivered on the 7th June, 1969. Clarifications from various sources indicate that the arrangement contemplated is that all Asian countries renounce the use of force to settle their differences, and co-operate in economic development.

(e) Government's views on the supply of arms and military equipment to Pakistan was again made known to the Government of U.S.S.R. It is expected that Soviet Union will give due weight to our views.

#### Study Team on Merger of Sick Textile Mills

- \*73. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :
- SHRI MUHAMMAD SHERIFF :
- DR. RANEN SEN :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have constituted a team of officers to examine the implications of possible merger of sick textile mills with stronger ones ;

(b) if so, the names of personnel in the team and when it is likely to start functioning ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Officers Team consists of :

1. Textile Commissioner.
2. A representative of the Board of Direct Taxes, Ministry of Finance.
3. A representative of the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.
4. A representative of the Department