

main reason for constituting the committee to enquire into the backward areas in the U.P. only and not in other States while so many backward areas are there?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: The position is this. The Planning Commission have been in correspondence with all the States. Nine States have not yet replied. They were asked to indicate (a) the backward areas and (b) what they thought were the areas which need accelerated help either from the Planning Commission or from the States.

डा० गोविन्द दास : श्री मंत्री जी ने बताया कि इस सम्बन्ध में भिन्न-भिन्न राज्यों को लिखा गया है। क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि किन राज्यों ने अभी तक इसका उत्तर दिया है और जो भिन्न-भिन्न राज्य हैं, उन में से कितने राज्य ऐसे हैं, जहाँ इस प्रकार के पिछड़े हुए क्षेत्र मौजूद हैं ?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: The States which have not replied so far are Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya, Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mysore, Orissa, West Bengal and Jammu and Kashmir.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Foreign Air Mission's Visit to India

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Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
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Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:
Shri Hem Barua:
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Shri Kappen:
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Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:
Shri Kajrolkar:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States and Commonwealth Team of Air Force experts have visited India;

(b) if so, the purpose of their visit; and

(c) whether they have submitted any report to Government?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For the purpose of making an assessment of India's air defence need.

(c) No, Sir.

Shri Hem Barua: Is it not a fact that our informal talk about 'air umbrella' less candidly defined by the official spokesmen is responsible for creating an atmosphere of misunderstanding in this country, and some people are interested in taking advantage of it....

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. He should ask the question straightway.

Shri Hem Barua: ...and if so, may I know what steps Government have taken positively to clarify its position so that no misunderstanding may be created?

Mr. Speaker: A statement has been made on that already.

Shri Y. B. Chavan: I think that the Prime Minister has made a statement, and that should clarify the situation.

Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri: When this Team or Mission submits its report, will it be submitted to the Governments concerned who sent this Mission or also to the Government of India?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: These Missions will submit their reports to their respective Governments and not to this Government.

Shri Ranga: I think that that is not the idea at all.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: May I know if we ourselves are working out a viable basic air defence system which we could support with our own limited resources without having any kind of equivocal arrangement with foreign Powers who seem to have to report to their own Governments about our needs? Are we making our own assessment and trying to take steps accordingly?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: Certainly, we are taking steps for our own needs.

Shri Surendra Nath Dwivedy: May I know whether this Team was entrusted with the task of making an assessment of both the short-term and long-term requirements of our air defence?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: Normally, they came to consider the requirements that we had projected, and I think that that includes both long-term and short-term requirements.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know whether we on our part have formulated our needs or made an assessment of our needs and given it to this Team, and by what time these negotiations are likely to be concluded?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: Normally, this Team's discussions included our own assessment also. As to what time will be required, one cannot say about it.

Shri P. K. Deo: Some time back we learnt that China was going to

join the 'Atomic Clubs' by exploding an atom bomb. May I know whether this aspect has been considered by the foreign Air Mission?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member is flying over from the main question to the Atom Bomb.

Shri Joachim Alva: While listing our requirements for the Indian Air Force, have we taken note of the fact that the Pakistan Air Force equipment, of radar and other aids was perfected by the US Military Aid so much so that Pakistan was able to make unauthorised aerial flights over our territory? Have we taken note of that fact and also drawn the attention of the US Mission in regard to our requirements on these lines?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: This question did not form part of the discussions of this Team.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know on what basis this aid will be received, whether it will be on a lend-lease basis, or on an operational basis or on a financial basis or on any other basis?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: These are matters of further details.

Mr. Speaker: That is coming up in the next question.

Shri Thirumala Rao: Is it a fact that our Air Force officers were intimately associated with the invitees or air officials from the USA and the Commonwealth, and if so, will they submit any report to the Government of India also?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: I think I have answered this question. Certainly our officials...

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know whether if our officers were there they will submit any report to Government.

Shri Y. B. Chavan: Certainly, they were from time to time reporting to us what was happening in the discussions.