

(c) whether any date has been fixed for his visit; and

(d) the main topics to be discussed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A reply has been sent that the Minister of External Affairs would be glad to visit Pakistan.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The entire range of Indo-Pakistan problems will be discussed when the visit takes place.

Strictures Against External Affairs Ministry Officer

*446. { Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 536 on the 14th September, 1964 and state:

(a) whether in the course of the judgement convicting the Cashier of the Indian Embassy in Moscow for misappropriation, the Special Judge Delhi, passed strictures in the conduct of a Superior Officer of the said Embassy, now an officer in the External Affairs Ministry; and

(b) if so, the action taken against the said officer?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Firing by Pakistani Troops

*447. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani troops fired several thousand

rounds with machine guns in the Mendhar Sector of Cease-fire line area in Jammu and Kashmir on the 12th September, 1964;

(b) if so, the number of persons injured or killed in the firing; and

(c) government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) On 12th September, 1964, there was heavy firing in the Mendhar sector. Pakistan troops fired with light machine guns and medium machine guns from across the cease-fire line on our posts in Mendhar area. The fire was returned in self-defence.

(b) None.

(c) Cease-fire violation complaints were lodged with the U.N. Military Observers. Suitable precautionary measures have been taken on our side of the cease-fire line.

Military Activities of Chinese in Ladakh

*448. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Bagri:
Shri Shashi Ranjan:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had lodged a protest with China against the continued military activities in Ladakh through a note dated the 28th July, 1964;

(b) if so, the nature of military activities referred to in the note and the period to which these activities relate; and

(c) the Chinese Government's reply thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.