

(d) Though there is a time limit prescribed for techno-economic appraisal, clearance of projects depends upon how soon the State Government complies with the observations of Central Appraising Agencies and obtain environment/forest/rehabilitation and resettlement clearances.

[English]

Pak Army Chief's Statement

3770. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Pakistani Army Chief's statement that Pakistan will not have talks with India until the Kashmir issue tops the agenda and he has also made it clear that there will be no change in Pakistan's nuclear programme as well as its Kashmir Policy;

(b) whether the Government have examined the report and have asked the Government of Pakistan to comment on this report;

(c) if so, the response of Pakistan thereto; and

(d) the present status of India's talks with Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). In response to Pakistan Prime Minister's message of felicitations at his assumption of office, PM in his reply dated June 8, 1996 suggested that the two countries undertake a wide-ranging and comprehensive dialogue and resume Foreign Secretary level talks. Pakistan's response to PM's letter to the Prime Minister of Pakistan is awaited and Government will take formal note only of an authoritative response from Pakistan to our PM's letter.

Admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas

3771. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the norms adopted for fresh admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) whether a number of applications of Central Government employees for fresh admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas have been rejected in Trivandrum during the last three academic years; and

(c) if so, the number thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). The

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has informed that admissions are done as per the guidelines approved by the Board of Governors, indicating priorities for admission. No statistics are maintained by the Sangathan regarding applications that are rejected.

Pilotless Aircraft

3772. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the achievement made so far with regard to manufacture of pilotless aircraft;

(b) whether it is being produced with indigenous technology; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c). The 'Lakshya' pilotless target aircraft along with its engine has been designed and developed indigenously. It is a high performance reusable aerial target system which can be launched from land or from a ship. Its production has commenced.

[Translation]

Deployment of Missiles by China

3773. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT BACHDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in 'Punjab Kesri' dated July 21, 1996 under the caption 'Cheen Ke Ghatak Prekshetra Tibbet Main Tainat - Bharat Ki Rajdhani Sahit Anek Nagar Nishane Main';

(b) whether China has deployed its missiles in Tibet along the Indian border;

(c) if so, whether any action is being taken by the Government at diplomatic level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Government have seen media reports about the reported deployment of Chinese missiles in Tibet.

(c) and (d). Government of India is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard its security and national interest in accordance with its own perceptions.