

(ग) इस अवसर पर 1224 व्यक्तियों को पाकिस्तान जाने के लिए पासपोर्ट जारी किए गए। 83 व्यक्तियों को पासपोर्ट देने से इनकार कर दिया गया।

Goodwill Mission from Pakistan

2878. Dr. Ramesh Sen:

Shri K. P. Singh Deo;

Shri P. K. Deo;

Shri Dhirendranath;

Shri Prakash Vir Shastri;

Shri Ramavtar Sharma;

Shri Hukam Chand Kachwai;

Shri Atam Das:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India are aware that Secretary-General of National Awami Party of Pakistan has suggested that a goodwill mission from Pakistan is willing to visit India to create understanding between India and Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the Government of India's reaction thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) and (b). The Government have seen press reports about a suggestion by Chaudhry Khaliquzzaman, a veteran opposition leader of Pakistan to send a non-official delegation from Pakistan to India with a view to create understanding between the two countries. This suggestion was immediately ridiculed and rejected by the Pakistani leaders and newspapers. Even the Pakistan Government have stated that they have no idea of any such proposal and have no sympathy for it.

(b) The Government of India have all along shown keenness to normalise and improve the relations between India and Pakistan and would welcome any opportunities for contacts of this kind.

Production in Ordnance Factories

2879. Shri S. M. Banerjee;

Shri Madhu Limaye;

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production in Ordnance Factories has gone up;

(b) if so, to what extent;

(c) how it compares with the figures of 1964 and 1965; and

(d) the further steps taken to augment production?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. R. Bhagat):

(a) to (c) Although there has been a reduction in the workload for clothing items, the production in respect of arms and ammunition and vehicles (including Heavy Vehicles) has increased. The value of issues for the latter class of items during the years 1963-64 to 1966-67 is as follows:

Year	Value of issues (Rs. in Crores)
1963-64	63.10
1964-65	63.75
1965-66	78.06
1966-67 (estimated)	86.00

(d) The following steps have been taken to increase the production in Ordnance Factories:—

(i) Four new factories are in the process of being established; and

(ii) old equipment in the existing factories is being rehabilitated and modernised consistent with the availability of resources.