

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government, to counteract these malicious lies?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During the West Asian crisis Pakistan has attempted to malign India by fabricated stories. Some of the inventions of Pakistani propaganda are given below:

Pakistan news media circulated a story to the effect that India was supplying spare parts worth 2 million pounds to Israel for her Ouragan Jet Fighters. This vicious allegation was absolutely baseless and was immediately denied.

When President Nasser's Emissary came to India to convey U.A.R. Government's appreciation for India's support, Pakistani propaganda machinery brought out reports that the Emissary had come to ask for aircraft and India had let U.A.R. down. This story was again fabrication as President Nasser's Emissary made no such request and the question of turning it down did not, therefore, arise.

In the Western world, Pakistan in order to ingratiate itself with those who are sympathetic to Israel said that India was supplying arms to the U.A.R. This shows how double-faced Pakistani propaganda is.

Apart from this the Pakistani propaganda machine, as usual, distorted or mis-quoted statements by various Indian leaders.

As usual our Missions were suitably instructed to publicise the correct facts.

Ordnance Factories in Maharashtra

2942. Shri Joytirney Basu:
Shri K. Haldar:
Shri Bhagaban Das:
Shri K. Ramani:

Shri C. K. Chakragani:
Shri E. K. Nayanar:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ordnance Factories erected in Maharashtra State during the last five years; and

(b) the minimum and maximum distance of such factories from the border?

The Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) During the last 5 years, in Maharashtra State erection work started on 3 Ordnance Factories. One of them has since gone into production.

(b) Of these the nearest factory is approximately 600 Kilometres and the farthest factory is about 1000 kilometres from the border.

Entry of Chinese Nationals in India through Sikkim

2943. Shri B. N. Shastri: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there being no passport system between India and Sikkim, Chinese Nationals often enter India in the guise of citizens of Sikkim; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check it?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) With Sikkim's border with Tibet already closed, the Chinese do not have free access to Sikkim. There is no Chinese community in Sikkim and even the entry into India of Tibetan refugees in Sikkim as well as of others of "Chinese origin" is subject to Indian regulations. In view of this, the assumption in the question would seem to be unfounded.

(b) Does not arise.