

producing new ballistic missile at a secret factory with Chinese support; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government have seen press reports in this regard.

(b) Government have been aware of Pakistan's attempts to develop and produce Half series of ballistic missiles with Chinese assistance and consider it a matter of great concern. Government of India is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard its security and national interest in accordance with its own threat perceptions.

US Report on Pak's Support to Militants

1324. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :

SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the latest report of the US Government "Patterns of Global Terrorism 1995" admitting Pakistan's support to the militant groups in Kashmir and Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to project the report in the international fora;

(d) whether the Government have taken up the matter with the US in view of its massive arms supply to Pakistan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). The State Department's Annual Report on Patterns of Global terrorism for 1995 states, inter alia, that there are credible reports of official Pakistani support to militants fighting in Kashmir, including Pakistani, Afghan and Arab nationals, and to groups that claimed responsibility for various terrorist bombings in Kashmir. In the context of the on-going hostae crisis in Kashmir, it mentions that the Harkat-ul-Ansar (HUA), a militant group headquartered in Pakistan, is believed to be linked to Al-Faran, the group that has claims responsibility for the kidnappings. The Report also mentions that India claims that Pakistan harbours and supports Sikh militant groups.

The above statements in the Report on Patterns of Global Terrorism support our position that Pakistan continues to be directly involved in large scale promotion and support of terrorist activities in India, with the supply of arms, equipment, training and infiltration.

(c) Government has been sharing with friendly government on a continuous basis the evidence

available with us from various sources of Pakistan's active involvement in terrorism in India.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Government has repeatedly made it clear to the US Government that the US decision to transfer the \$368 million arms package to Pakistan under the Hank Brown amendment would not promote peace and stability in the region and should be viewed, inter alia, in the light of Pakistan's major and direct involvement in international terrorism.

Raids on the Residence of Health Department Officer

1325. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :

SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Raids on the residence of the officer of Health Department" appearing in the 'Hindustan' on June 28, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stage of investigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The matter is under investigation and details are being collected to be laid on the table of the House.

Report on Conditions of Indian Girls

1326. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the recent report on conditions of Indian girls published by the UNICEF;

(b) if so, the salient features of the report; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government towards the improvement of the conditions in regard to their educational rights?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMALI) : (a) Government is aware of the recent Report on the "Progress of Nations" brought out by United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

(b) The Report which is an International publication gives a global update of how children are faring in both industrialised and developing countries. They are in the areas of health, nutrition, gender gap in education,

immunisation, malnutrition, maternal mortality, low birth-weight, poor hygiene, breast-feeding and weaning, general subordination of women etc.

(c) The steps taken by the Government towards improvement of the conditions in regard to their educational rights include :

- (i) National Policy on Education (NPE) 1992 and Programme of Action (POA) which proposes education for women's equality with a focus on girls in literacy and primary education programme.
- (ii) Awareness Generation among Girls and Women to improve girls participation.
- (iii) Various incentive schemes like uniforms, text books, stipends, attendance allowance, stationery grants, hostel facilities etc.
- (iv) Operation Blackboard where 50% of teachers appointed are women.
- (v) Non-formal Education Programme for Girls.
- (vi) Mahila Samakhyas Programme.
- (vii) Total Literacy Campaigns.
- (viii) District Primary Education Programme which stresses education for girls.

[Translation]

Garbage Free Air Bases

1327. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to implement the schemes of keeping of the ten kilometer radius of airbases fully garbage free to avoid any air mishaps; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b). The Government propose to implement the Centrally sponsored scheme of improving sanitation and solid waste management, which includes shifting of open garbage dumps, construction of covered garbage points, etc., within a radius of 10 Kms around the vicinity of selected air bases.

[English]

Central Schemes for Women and Children

1328. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the central schemes formulated to ameliorate the conditions of women and children from weaker sections of the community;

(b) the investment made there under scheme-wise and State-wise during the last three years and the results achieved so far;

(c) the outlays provided for 1996-97 for these schemes, scheme-wise and State-wise;

(d) the new schemes proposed for the welfare of women/children; and

(e) the schemes proposed to be dropped/suspended?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (c). The Department of Women & Child Development is implementing a number of schemes for upliftment of women and children belonging to weaker sections of the society. A statement showing schemewise expenditure, the results achieved thereunder during the last three years and the schemewise outlays for 1996-97 is statement-I. No Statewise allocations are made under the Central schemes of the Department of Women & Child Development. However, under the centrally-sponsored schemes of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and Indira Mahila Yojana (IMY), grants-in-aid are released to the State Governments/UT Administrations on the basis of the number of projects/blocks sanctioned in each State/UT. A statement showing grant-in-aid released to the States/UTs under the ICDS Scheme during the years from 1993-94 to 1996-97 (till date) is statement-II. Another statement showing the results achieved under the ICDS Scheme during the last 3 years is statement-III. As regards Indira Mahila Yojana, the scheme was launched in 200 blocks of the country on 20 August, 1995. A statement giving the grants released to the State under IMY during 1995-96 and the results achieved is statement-IV.

(d) and (e). None.

STATEMENT-I

Scheme wise Expenditure & Achievements in 1993-94, 94-95, 95-96 & Plan Outlay for 1996-97

(Rs. in Crores)

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96		Plan Outlay for 1996-97
		Expenditure	Achievement	Expenditure	Achievement	Expenditure	Achievement	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Creches/Day Care Centres	1.66	12389 creches 3.10 lakh bene.	6.50	12470 creches 3.12 lakh bene.	7.50	12470 creches 3.11 lakh bene.	7.50
2.	National Creche Fund	19.90	-	0.01	450 creches	0.01	509 creches	0.01