

Pak's Defence Budget

5780. PROF. ASHOK ANAND RAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan defence budget is being strengthened through the help of certain Arab countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether U.S. has stopped sending military hardwares and spares to Pakistan;

(d) whether in view of short supply from U.S. of key components, Pakistan has acquired replacement from other sources; and

(e) the implications of Mirage 2,000 acquisition by Pakistan vis-a-vis Indian Air Force.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). Government have no information to this effect.

(c) Commercial sales of spare parts and similar military items have been permitted by the US Government. However, U.S. Government's military assistance to Pakistan remains suspended.

(d) Government have seen reports to this effect. Pakistan is in touch with a number of countries in Europe and South and East Asia for acquiring military supplies.

(e) No agreement has so far been concluded in this regard between Pakistan and France. However, acquisition of Mirage 2000 would enhance the multi-role capability of the Pakistan Air Force.

Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security and take adequate measures to safeguard it, including the operational capacities of the Indian Air Force.

Creating Employment Opportunities in the Cooperative Sector in Kerala

5781. SHRI T.J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any project for the approval to the National Cooperative Development Corporation for creating employment opportunities in the cooperative sector in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) has received two proposals from the Government of Kerala. The details of the proposals, approximate employment Potential and their present status are given in the enclosed statement.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Approximate employment potential as contained in the project proposal	Details of the Project	Decision of the National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC)
1	2	3	4	5
(i)	Integrated Rural Consumer Development Project	89	The project is to be implemented by State Cooperative Consumer Federation (CONSFED), Kerala, under NCDC Rural Consumer Scheme of NCDC. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 28.62 crores with NCDC'S assistance of Rs. 23.97 crores.	The proposal was received on 20.3.92 which was incomplete. On 27.3.92, NCDC has asked to Kerala Government to send complete details of the Project.
(ii)	Integrated Coir Development Project	28000	The Project envisages setting up of 100 defibring mills and 200 spinning units and training to 25,000 traditional spinners, strengthening of state Coir Development Directorate and Creation of Project Implementation Cell in Kerala State Cooperative Coir Marketing Federation Ltd. (COIRFED). The project cost is Rs. 50 crores of which NCDC'S assistance will be Rs. 22.3950 crores. The project is to be implemented over a period of 5 years.	NCDC has conveyed its willingness to support the processing component of the project, in principle. The State Government has been requested to submit society-wise proposals with detailed project reports etc. for NCDC'S consideration and sanction.