

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) to (c). There have been some cases of exchange of fire between Pakistani and Indian troops across the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir during the last two months resulting in some casualties on both sides. It would not be desirable to disclose details.

(d) and (e) Matters relating to such incidents are sought to be resolved at flag meetings at the local Commanders' level.

Ban of Philips Trade Mark on T.V.

577. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Philips trade mark is being banned in near future;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether the Philips T.V. is not legally marked ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENTS, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) to (c). As per Government's Industrial and Licensing Policy for Television Receiver sets, use of foreign brand names is not permitted in the manufacture and sale of T.V. sets. The Department of Electronics had received representations about M/s Peico Electronics and Electricals Limited marketing TV sets with Philips brand name. This question was taken up with M/s Peico Electronics and Electricals Ltd., who have recently written to the Department of Electronics that they have decided, with immediate effect, to withdraw the use of Philips as brand name on TV receivers.

Firing by Pakistani Troops in Poonch Sector

578. SHRI B. V. DESAI :
SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani troops started firing in the Poonch Sector on 27 January, 1986 onwards;

(b) if so, whether there were number of Pakistani firing on the Indian Posts in Poonch Sector from middle of December, 1985 to January, 1986;

(c) total number of firings, the reasons thereof and the casualty suffered by both sides; and

(d) the steps being taken for stopping of firing by Pakistani on Indian posts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) to (c). There have been some cases of unprovoked firing by Pakistani troops on our posts in the Poonch Sector in Jammu and Kashmir during December, 1985 and January, 1986. There have been no casualties on our side. Casualties on the Pakistani side are not known.

(d) Flag meetings at the local Commanders' level are held, as also contacts at higher levels are made to defuse the situation as and when the need arises.

Outcome of Talks with Pakistan on Clashes in Siachen Glacier

579. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI :
SHRI B. V. DESAI :
SHRI AKHTAR HASAN :
SHRI P. NAMGYAL :
DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI K. PRADHANI :
DR. B. L. SHAILESH :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the outcome of the talk between the representative of India and Pakistan to end the border clashes in the Siachen Glacier area and other areas;

(b) when the next round of talks will be held to sort out this issue in terms of the Simla agreement;

(c) the extent of casualties as a result of the border clashes during the last three months; and

(d) the reasons for prolonged dispute in these areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) and (b). In the recent talks between the Defence Secretaries of India and Pakistan, which pertained to the situation in the Siachen Glacier only, both sides explained their respective positions and agreed to meet again at a mutually convenient date.

(c) During the last 3 months there have been some casualties on both sides in firing incidents in the Siachen Glacier area and across the Line of Control in J and K between the Indian and Pakistani troops.

(d) Pakistan is in illegal occupation of a part of the territory of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir and, of late, has also been laying claims, without any basis, to the Siachen Glacier area, which is an integral part of India.

[*Translation*]

Purchase of Paints without Checking its Quality

580. SHRI NIRMAL KHATTRI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the system of "Post Lab Test" has been introduced for purchase of paint in the departments connected with the Defence Ministry, under which paint is purchased without checking its quality;

(b) the names of the firms (situated in Uttar Pradesh) from where the goods were purchased under this system during the last three years;

(c) whether test reports of the goods supplied by these firms before and after the introduction of this system have been analysed; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The system of Post-Lab Test (PLT) is prevalent in inspected of paints for Defence. However, all supplies are subjected to laboratory tests after despatch of the stores. This facility enables the supplier to despatch the stores to the consignee without waiting for the test results, on the guarantee that they would give free replacement if the stores is not found upto the standard.

(b) M/s Nagrath Paints was the only firm in Uttar Pradesh who were qualified in 1985 to come under the system of Post Lab Test for purchase of paints.

(c) and (d). Since grant of Post-Lab Test facility to M/s Nagrath Paints in 1985, this firm has supplied over 7 lakhs litres of paints of various types on PLT basis and the laboratory tests confirmed their quality. Only in two recent (31-1-86) consignments amounting to 12,280 litres of a particular paint, there were some deficiencies. These are being examined.

[*English*]

Mizo-Problem

581. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :
SHRI YASHWANRAO
GADAKH PATIL :
SHRI K. PRADHANI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an agreement with the Mizo-National Front (MNF) for the settlement of the Mizo-problem has not been reached so far; and

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). Talks with the Mizo National Front are still continuing.