

Pakistan's Plan to Train Subversives

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan had planned to train 10,000 subversives in the "Pakistan occupied Kashmir" with the help of Afghan rebels as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 14th February, 1990;

(b) if so the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have taken up this matter with United Nations and other International Forums with a view to curb the nefarious activities of Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Government have seen reports to this effect.

(b) Government have made it clear that Pakistan's support to subversion and terrorism directed against India, and its interference in India's internal affairs is unacceptable. This has been conveyed in clear and categorical terms to the Government of Pakistan. Government has taken suitable measures to defend India's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Equipments of Telecommunication Department, Delhi Lying idle

572. SHRI BALESHWAR YADAV: Will

the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the equipments in Telecommunication Department, Delhi are in use;

(b) if not, the particulars of equipments which are lying idle;

(c) whether Government propose to enquire into the reasons for purchasing these equipments; and

(d) if so, by what time and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Expansion of Surat Telephone Exchange

573. SHRI KASHI RAM RANA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request for expansion of telephone exchange capacity in Surat in view of the growing population and fast industrial growth of the city; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Surat Telephone system has been expanded by 4,000 electronic lines during 1989-90. Plans have already been drawn up to increase the capacity of the system by about 83000 lines progressively during the 8th Plan period.