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[English]

## Rocket attack by Pakistan

347. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:

> DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:

SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:

SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistani soldiers had made rocket attacks on civilian areas of the border district of Poonch recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of civilians killed and injured during these attacks; and

(c) whether the Government have sent any letter of protest to Pakistan Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Pakistan had resorted to firing rockets at certain Indian posts in Poonch sector during January 1994. There have been no reports however of Pak rocket attack on civilian areas in Poonch sector.

(b) There are no reports of any civilian casualties.

(c) No protests have been launched by the Government with the Government of Pakistan. Firing across the LOC is endemic in nature. With a view to reducing tension and preventing escalation, the Directors-General of Military Operations of India and Pakistan maintain weekly telephonic contact with each other. Where necessary such cases are also taken up at the level of local commanders.

[Translation]

## **Rural Development Schemes**

348. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes undertaken by the Union Government for Rural development during 1993-94, Statewise;

(b) whether the Government have received any foreign assistance for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOP-MENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI HARJIBHAI PATEL): (a) Major Schemes undertaken for Rural Development during 1993-94 are Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), Training of **Rural** Youth for Self-employment (TRYSEM), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP), IRDP, DWCRA, TRYSEM, AR-WSP and CRSP are implemented in all the States and Union Territories of the