

5. **Invites Members States** to implement national control measures in order to check the illicit circulation of small arms, in particular by curbing the illegal export of such arms;

6. **Also invites** the international community to give appropriate support to the efforts made by the affected countries to suppress the illicit circulation of small arms, which is likely to hamper their development;

7. **Requests** the Secretary-General to report to it on the question at its fiftieth session.

Grant of Mining Lease to Karnataka

766. DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a proposal from Government of Karnataka for grant of mining lease and expansion of Vijaynagar Steel Ltd. and KSIDC;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal; and

(c) the time by when the proposal is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) The Government of Karnataka sought approval of Central Government for grant of a mining lease in favour of M/s. Vijaynagar Steel Ltd. and for reservation of some area for M/s. KSIDC. The State Government has been informed that the proposed area is not available for grant as it is presently leased to M/s. NMDC.

Foreign Investment

767. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the level of foreign investment in the mining industry as on April 1, 1991 and April 1, 1994;

(b) whether the Government have received proposals for more foreign investment in this sector;

(c) if so, the particulars of ores and minerals which have attracted foreign investment; and

(d) whether the Government propose to allow direct foreign investment in this sector and to limit foreign participation to less than 50 percent of the equity, apart from the technical fess, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) Government have so far received only one proposal for foreign investment from the Government of Madhya Pradesh, after announcement of the National Mineral Policy, 1993. The minerals in which potential foreign investors have evinced interest are primarily Gold, Diamonds, Iron ore and Base metals.

(d) As per the National Mineral Policy, 1993, foreign equity would normally be limited to 50%, though this limitation would not apply to captive mines of any mineral processing industry. Enhanced equity holding can also be considered on a case to case basis.

Training Camps of Pakistan

768. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:
SHRI RAMPAL SINGH:
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:
SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the recent reports regarding Pak ISI's setting up of new training camps for imparting training to terrorist elements;

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

(c) whether the Government have taken up the matter with Pakistan; and

(d) if so, details thereof and the response of Pakistan thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) to (d) Government are aware that Pakistan has set up a few additional camps in the recent period in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir and in places within Pakistan for imparting training to militants in J&K. Pakistan's support to subversion and terrorism against India is a fact and a matter of grave concern. Pakistan's conduct in this regard is not conducive either to good neighbourly relations or to peace and stability in the region.

Government have strongly urged Pakistan on several occasions and at all levels to stop its support to subversion and terrorism. Government are firmly resolved to take all necessary measures to counter Pakistan's support to terrorism and to safeguard the unity and integrity of the nation.

Counter Guarantee for Foreign Power Companies

769. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAI: SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO:
SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH:
SHRI SUDARSAN RAYCHAUDHURI:
SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH: