

**Modern system of training to Indian Pilots**

2471. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to introduce modern system of training for pilots of Indian Air Force; and

(b) if so, the points on which special attention is proposed to be paid in this training and the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) and (b). The training of IAF pilots is carried out by best available methods and using equipment obtained from indigenous sources or by procurement from abroad. Updating training methods and training aids is an on-going process which is kept under continuous review.

**Barbed wire fencing along Indo-Bangladesh Border**

2472. SHRI NITYANANDA MISHRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps to put up a barbed wire fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) if so, the amount spent or proposed to be spent on this work;

(c) budgetary provision made therefor during the current year;

(d) time by which the fencing and allied works are expected to be completed; and

(e) what other steps are proposed to be taken to check infiltration from across the border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have spent a sum of Rupees 7.55 lakhs up to September, 1985 on survey work on barbed wire fence and border road alongside. It is estimated that the cost of the fence which is to be constructed in phases is likely to be Rs. 207 crores apart from the expenditure on survey.

(c) A sum of Rs. 2.5 crores has been provided in the budget during the year 1985-86.

(d) The construction of fence is likely take about 5 years after survey work is completed.

(e) Constant vigil is maintained by BSF and other security forces. Joint ambushes, raids and patrols with local police and other preventive agencies are organized by BSF. Observation towers have been erected to watch movements of infiltrators.

**Face lift of Varanasi**

2473. DR. B. L. SHAILESH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the French have made two proposals of a face lift of the Varanasi pilgrim city which inter alia include the setting up of a sewage processing plant;

(b) if so, whether these proposals have been forwarded to Government of U.P.;

(c) reaction of that Government to the French proposals; and

(d) the reasons for not accepting the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Pursuant to the visit of two Missions from the Government of France, a technical report for setting up a plant at Varanasi for treatment of sewage and extraction of bioenergy has been received from a French consulting firm. No proposals for the face-lift of Varanasi has been received from the French.