

(a) the total number of skirmishes on borders of the loss the country during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 and of life and property, if any, as a result thereof; and

(b) the steps taken to check the frequent skirmishes on borders ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) There has been no skirmish on our borders during 1983-84. However, there have been a few incidents during 1984-85 and 1985-86. It would not be desirable to disclose details in this regard.

(b) Flag meetings at the local Commanders' level are held, as also contacts at higher levels both in Army Headquarters and through diplomatic channels, are made, to defuse a situation as and when the need arises.

[English]

Detection of foreigners in Assam

2962. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA MURTY :
SHRI ABDUL HAMID :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the detection of foreigners in Assam in terms of the Assam Pact is in progress;

(b) the number of cases investigated and whether investigation is in progress as per the records of the State Government;

(c) whether the State Government of Assam requested the Union Government to amend the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Union Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the State Government, 678 enquiries have been completed in respect of foreigners who came to Assam between 1.1.66 and 24th March, 1971 (both days inclusive) while the number of enquiries completed upto 30th June, 1986 in respect of the foreigners who came to Assam on or after March, 25, 1971 is 7660.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The proposal submitted by State Government for amendments to the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 is under consideration.

Number of Infiltrators, terrorists and smugglers killed and arrested on Pakistan border

2964. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of infiltrators, terrorists and smugglers killed in encounters with our security forces and number of such criminals arrested on the Indo-Pak borders in Rajasthan, Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir from January to July, 1986 separately;

(b) details of arms seized from them; and

(c) steps taken to check infiltration along Indo-Pakistan border ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The security forces on Indo-Pak borders are on alert. Measures taken for strengthening surveillance along Indo-Pak borders include : strengthening of BSF, establishing additional border out-posts, construction of observation posts towers and providing increased mobility to border