

(c) the reasons that Government has reduced the expenditure on defence in the budget for 1977-78; and

(d) whether Government will remain aware of the possibility of a sudden attack and maintain defences in readiness?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) The Government of Pakistan have never reacted favourably to India's proposal for a no-war pact.

(b) Government are aware that Pakistan has augmented her military strength since 1971 and has acquired sophisticated war materials for her armed forces.

(c) The expenditure on defence in the Budget for 1977-78 was reduced with a view to implement Govt.'s decision to achieve economy without in any way affecting operational efficiency on our defence preparedness.

(d) All related contingencies are taken into account in planning our defence measures.

नागरिकों को पहचान पत्र जारी किया जाना

4887. श्री लक्ष्मी नारायण नायक : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार अन्य राष्ट्रों की भांति इस देश के नागरिकों को पहचान पत्र देने पर विचार कर रही है; और

(ख) क्या इस पहचान पत्र में संबंधित नागरिक का पता, व्यवसाय आदि का विवरण दिया जायेगा तथा उसका फोटो भी लगाया जायेगा ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री चरण सिंह) : (क) जी नहीं, श्रीमान् ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Use of Atomic Energy

4988. SHRIMATI MRINAL GORE: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the use of atomic energy in the life of Indian community;

(b) in which particular activity the use of atomic energy is must; and

(c) what benefit it has brought to the Indian community?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Apart from generation of electric power, the important uses of atomic energy in relation to the life of the Indian Community lie in agriculture medicine and industry.

(b) The use of atomic energy has had the widest impact in power generation.

(c) Among the benefits brought by the use of atomic energy, are increased power production vital to the industrial needs of the country, improved varieties of seeds resulting in better yield of crops and higher resistance to disease and pests, and improved techniques of diagnosis and treatment in the field of medicine.