

RAO): (a) & (b). Yes, Sir. Foreign Secretary visited Pakistan from 4th to 7th February, 1980. During the visit India's concern at attempts to induct arms into the region was conveyed to the Government of Pakistan and it was emphasised that these moves would, far from defusing the tension, lead to its escalation and also would have decelerating effect on the normalisation of relations between India and Pakistan. As a result of the talks, there was a better understanding of each other's perceptions on this matter.

Arms build-up by Pakistan and its effect on Simla Agreement

465. SHRI FAROOQ ABDULLAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has made it clear to Pakistan that Induction of Arms by great powers in this region would jeopardise the Simla Agreement process to settle all matters between the two countries on a bilateral basis;

(b) if so, whether India has also pointed out to Pakistan, the mention of the Kashmir issue in various International forums including the Islamic foreign Ministers meet at Islamabad that there had been infringements on the terms of the Simla Agreement;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Pakistan Government;

(d) whether in spite of this Pakistan has obtained a large military supplies, from China, America and France has been helping her to manufacture Atom bomb; and

(e) the steps and action Government of India is likely to take?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Government of India have tried to impress on the Government of Pakistan the dangers of inducting arms into the region and have poin-

ted out that it would be detrimental to the process of normalisation and improvement of relations between India and Pakistan to which both countries are committed under the Simla Agreement.

(b) Government of India have also pointed out to the Government of Pakistan that their adoption of an agitational approach on the Kashmir question by raising it in various international forums contravened their commitment for discussing this question under the terms of the Simla Agreement.

(c) The Government of Pakistan have, however, indicated that they are free to refer to Kashmir in international Forums.

(d) Government have seen reports to the effect that the US Government has announced the speeding up of \$ 150 million worth of military sales already in the pipeline and provision of \$ 400 million in economic and military aid in the next 19 months. The Government of the People's Republic of China has also indicated that it will continue to provide economic and military assistance to Pakistan. Government have no evidence to show that France has been helping Pakistan to manufacture an atom bomb.

(e) The Government is constantly reviewing the situation and is in touch with all the concerned governments.

Enforcement of Minimum Wage, fixed for Agricultural workers

466. SHRI P. K. KODIYAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the minimum wages fixed for agricultural workers by various State Governments are not enforced;