

intensive surveys for identification and rehabilitation of bonded labourers.

(b) The Central Government released Rs. 198.93 Lakhs to various State Governments in the year 1980-81 and a budget provision of Rs. 3.25 Crores has been made for 1981-82.

Warning director I.D.S. about range of F-16 fighters

597. SHRI R. R. BHOLE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director of Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses has warned that Bhabha Atomic Centre at Bombay and the Kota Nuclear Plant and Bombay High would come within the range of F-16 fighter capable of carrying missiles with penetrating bombs when these planes are acquired by Pakistan; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to meet the Challenge posed by F-16 planes and to protect these atomic installations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Government are aware that the installations in question fall within the strike range of F-16 aircraft from Pakistani airfields.

(b) Government are taking appropriate steps to meet the situation effectively. However, it is not in the interest of national security to disclose the details.

Formation of National Security Council

598. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a demand during the debate on

Defence in the last Budget Session to form a National Security Advisory Council;

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to have any such Advisory body; and

(c) if so, what will be its composition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Hon'ble Member had suggested formation of the National Security Council on the U.S. pattern.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

News Item "Pak Accelerating Nuclear Arms Plan"

600. SHRI BALASAMBE VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a press report published in Hindustan Times of 30 June, 1981 that Pakistan is accelerating its nuclear weapon programme in the light of recent revelation that it has received U. S. made 'investors' from Turkey; and

(b) the steps Government have taken to safeguard and protect security of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Government are aware of the media reports about the clandestine supply of U.S. made investors by Turkey to Pakistan.

(b) These reports have subsequently been denied by Government of Turkey. Government are, however, carefully monitoring such developments.