

by the Air Chief Marshal Shri P. C. Lall stating that India cannot stop Pak air violations on all our borders, as our borders with Pakistan are very long ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to the above statement ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) and (b). This was an incidental observation in the course of an informal discussion on various aspects relating to the Air, Force. There is no change in the policy in regard to air intrusions. Every effort is made to chase away, intercept or shoot down intruding Pakistani aircraft.

Rejection of Offer of Burmah Oil Company to Associate with Oil India Ltd. for Exploration of Oil in India

**838. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH :
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the offer of the Burmah Oil Company to associate with Oil India Ltd., for the exploration of Oil in Somalia has been rejected ;

(b) the nature of the said offer ; and

(c) the reasons for rejecting the same ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The offer made by the Burmah Oil Company to Oil India Limited would have provided mainly a financial partnership in their Petroleum exploration Concession in Somalia. All decisions, technical and operating, would

have been in the hands of the foreign partner. The offer would have enabled Oil India Ltd. to acquire a small interest in the venture on payment of its share towards initial estimated exploration costs. This too was conditional on a decision being taken, on the basis of preparatory steps like surveys which were under way, to drill two wells in that area.

Since these terms, with reference to the conditions and prospects of the area of the concession, were found to be not attractive, the offer was not accepted,

Routes Operated by Private Airlines

839. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the names of private airlines operating in India ;

(b) the names of the routes they are now operating ; and

(c) whether any new routes have been given to them for operation during the last two years ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) The following private operators hold non-scheduled permits valid up to 31st March 1972 :

1. Air Survey Co. (P) Ltd., Calcutta.
2. Airways India (P) Ltd., Calcutta
3. Bharat Commerce & Industries, Gauhati.
4. Cambata Aviation, Bombay.
5. Jamair Co., Calcutta.
6. Kalinga Airlines, Calcutta,
7. Kasturi & Sons, Madras.

8. J K Chemicals (P) Ltd., Bombay (Safari Airways).
9. Helicopter Services (P) Ltd, Bombay.
- 10 Mahindra & Mahindra, Bombay
- 11 Pushpaka Aviation (P) Ltd, Madras

(b) Out of the above eleven operators, only M/s Jamair Co are now engaged in commercial air transport. At present this company is operating the following routes on a non-scheduled basis

- 1 Calcutta-Agartala
- 2 Calcutta Jalpaiguri via Purnea
3. Calcutta-Jalpaiguri - Telepara-Grassmore- Bhatpara Newlands

(c) Permission has been granted with effect from 1st October 1971 to M/s J. K. Chemicals Ltd. (Safari Airways) to operate a non-scheduled service on the route Delhi-Jaipur-Kota and back without traffic rights between Delhi and Jaipur

Disappearance of Civilians From Pakistani Villages Along Chhamb Border Line

840 SHRI RAJDEO SINGH Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the entire civil population has disappeared from certain Pakistani villages along the border line which faces the Chhamb border on the Indian side, and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) and (b) - According to our information Pakistan

authorities have evacuated the civilian population from their border villages opposite Chhamb. We have drawn necessary inference from Pak action and made our arrangements accordingly

Concentration of Pakistani Military on Ferozepur Section

841. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether heavy Pakistani Military concentration had been seen in Ferozepur Section on the 6th October, 1971 along the right bank of river Sutlej, and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) (a) and (b), Pak Armed Forces are concentrated all along our borders including areas opposite to Ferozepur and on the right bank of river Sutlej. Government have taken adequate steps to meet any Pakistani threat on our borders

Scheme to construct Hotels at Tourist Centres in Gujarat

842 SHRI D. P. JADEJA Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) the number and names of Tourist Centres in Gujarat,

(b) the number and names of the Centres where there are no Government hotels,

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to construct hotels at such centres to avoid inconvenience to tourists, and