

**PAK AIRBASE NEAR KHULNA IN EAST
PAKISTAN**

75. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-items appearing in *Hindustan Times* dated the 14th October, 1967 that Pakistan Government are constructing a new Airbase near Khulna in East Pakistan District Headquarter on the other side of the Indian border; and

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

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b). Yes. This development has been noted.

SERVICE CONDITIONS FOR A.I.R. ARTISTES

77. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any improvement has been made in the Service Condition of the A.I.R. artistes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Improvements made in the service conditions of A.I.R. staff artistes since October 1964 are listed in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-1504/67*].

SURVEY OF INDIA CELL

78. SHRI K. R. GANESH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are examining a proposal to set up a Survey of India Cell; and

(b) if so, what will be the functions of the Cell?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Generally, the functions of the Sur-

vey Cell would be as follows :

(i) to advise on boundary disputes and demarcation of the boundary between India and the neighbouring countries.

(ii) To study and evaluate official and non-official maps published in foreign countries depicting our boundaries.

(iii) Screening of the cartographic material proposed to be imported into India or to be published in India, showing India's frontiers.

(iv) Preparation of maps to illustrate our stand relating to the boundary between India and the neighbouring countries.

(v) To build up an adequate map library in the Ministry.

PAK ATTACK IN URI SECTOR

79. SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK :
DR. SURYA PRAKASH PURI :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the attack by Pak armed forces on an Indian Patrol in Uri early in October, 1967 came just when anti-national and pro-Pak elements were playing havoc with law and order in Srinagar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan is making heavy military concentrations along the cease-fire line;

(c) whether Government have explored the possibility of link-up between these war-like preparations by Pakistan and the activities of the Pak agents in the valley; and

(d) if so, the steps which have been taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (c). The incident at Uri and internal troubles in which the hand of Pak agents is suspected were contemporaneous but there is no evidence to show that there was any link between the two.

(b) The State of Pakistan's general disposition of Pak forces along Cease Fire Line has been explained to the House during the last Session. There has been no change in the position.