

12. Indian Civil and Administrative Service (Central) Association.

In the course of the discussions referred to above, it was considered that Government employees could appropriately participate in the defence effort by voluntarily donating one day's salary to the National Defence Fund every month, or by the purchase of Defence Certificates of the same value, and by devoting greater energies than ever before to step up efficiency in their work. These views received wide publicity. Secretaries of all the associations were also requested to take steps to inform all concerned for follow-up action. There was no question of not seeking the co-operation of any Government employee or association of Government employees. It would be appreciated that the number of Central Government Employees Associations being very large, it was not possible for the Cabinet Secretary to ensure meeting them all.

Supplies of Military Equipment to Pakistan

1882. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Kindar Lal:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 111 on the 8th November, 1965 and state:

(a) from which sources reports of supplies of military equipment to Pakistan by some countries have been received;

(b) whether their correctness has been verified;

(c) if so, Government's assessment of the attitude of each of such countries to India as to whether it was unfriendly or otherwise; and

(d) the effect of such assessment on the reorientation, if any, of Govern-

ment's policy or attitude towards each of those countries?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) to (d). There have been reports that Pakistan has obtained some military equipment from some countries. The Government of India have received assurances from various countries through Diplomatic channels that military equipment is not being given to Pakistan. The Government are keeping a close watch on the situation. It is obvious that countries giving military aid to Pakistan could not be regarded as being friendly to India.

Defence Team's Visit to U.S.S.R.

1883. Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Himatsingka:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high-power team of officials visited Soviet Union recently to explore prospects of acquiring a wide range of defence equipments; and

(b) if so, the outcome of their visit?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) and (b). The team of officials which recently visited Soviet Union went there principally in connection with the MIG production programme.

Inspectors of Mines

1884. Shri Bade:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavaia:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of mines in the country and the total number of posts of Inspectors of Mines fixed by Government for inspection of mines: