respect. With regard to the issue of merger of D.A. with pay, Government's stand was that it could be further negotiated and could also be referred to The demand arbitration, if need be. for full neutralisation of the higher cost of living has yet to be discussed at the forum of the J.C.M. In respect of the proposal for retirement of employees at the age of 50 years or on completion of 25 years of service, discussions had already been held with representatives of the employees and the matter is already under consideration in the light of the views expressed by them. Demands Nos. 5 to 10 are of a general nature and could be taken up in the machinery for Joint Consultation to the extent and according to the procedure provide under that scheme.

PAK SPIES

769. SHRI HEM RAJ : SHRI D. N. PATODIA : SHRI KAMESHWAR SINGH: SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : SHRI KEDAR PASWAN : SHRI A. SREEDHARAN : SHRI GHAYOOR ALI KHAN: SHRI NIHAL SINGH : SHRI NIHAL SINGH : SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA : SHRI J. B. SINGH :

Will the Minister of HOME AF-FAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pak. Spies have of late become very active on the Jammu and Kashmir border and a number of them have been arrested during the first fortnight of September, 1968;

(b) if so, the number of spies which have been apprehended during this period; and

(c) the information obtained from them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) There is no information of such spies having become very active of late.

(b) One.

(c) It will not be in public interest to disclose the information which Government have.

पाकिस्तानी मुजाहिदों की सहायता करने के कारण बाड़मेर जिले में लोगों पर अभियोग चलाये जाना

770. श्री रणजीत सिंहः

श्री नारायण स्वरूप शर्माः

श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी :

श्री अटल बिहारी बाजपेयी :

क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को पता है कि बाड़मेर जिले के सीमावर्ती क्षेत्रों के अनेक निवासियों के विरुद्ध अभियोग चलाये गये हैं, क्योंकि वे पाकिस्तानी मुजाहिदों की सहायता कर रहे हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो भविष्य में ऐसी बातों को रोकने के लिये क्या प्रभावी उपाय किये गये हैं ?

गृह-कार्यमंत्रालयमें राज्यमंत्री (श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल): (क) जी हां, श्रीमान्।

(ख) राज्यप्राधिकारी तथा सीमा मुरक्षा दल भी इम सम्बन्ध में निरंतर सतर्कता बरत रहे हैं ।

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES STRIKE

771. SHRI M. L. SONDHI : SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI : DR. SUSHILA NAYAR : SHRI R. BARUA : SHRI HEM RAJ : SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI : SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN: SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : SHRI D. N. PATODIA : SHRI A. K. GOPALAN : GEORGE SHRI FERNAN-DES : SHRI RANJIT SINGH : SHRI JAGANNATH RAO JOSHI :