

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) to (c). The question of the supply of arms from Soviet Union to Pakistan has been discussed with Soviet Authorities on a number of occasions.

It is our view that Russian Military supplies to Pakistan and Pakistan's Military build up beyond the normal defence requirements constitutes a threat to our security and contributes to instability in this area.

Soviet Union on the other hand feels that some other countries are supplying arms to Pakistan and as such there should be no objection to the supply of Russian arms.

We do not accept the Soviet point of view.

#### Export of Iron Ore to Japan

9676. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :  
SHRI HIMATSINGKA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports that Japan propose to import iron ore from the U.S.S.R. and other countries in place of importing this ore from India ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such diversion in Japan's attitude with regard to import of iron ore ; and

(c) the efforts which are being made by Government to explore alternative markets for India's iron ore exports ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). It is not known which particular Press Report the Honourable Members have in mind. But it is a fact that in search for assured supply of her progressively increasing requirements of iron ore, Japan has started drawing upon comparatively new sources of supply like Australia and the U.S.S.R. The reasons for diversification presumably are to have a

large number of suppliers rather than to depend on a few sources for such huge quantities of this key raw material and also to gain bargaining advantage through competition amongst larger number of suppliers.

(c) In spite of the difficulties caused by the closure of Suez Canal, 20% of our exports of iron ore are going to Europe. For improving our exports to the European countries as well as to meet the competition in the Japanese market, Government has embarked upon integrated projects that cover development of mining ; roads and rail transport and provision of fully mechanised deep draft ports.

#### Export of Films

9677. SHRI ARJUN SINGH BHADORIA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Films exported by the Indian Motion Pictures Export Corporation Ltd., to the countries of East Africa, West Africa, North Africa and West Asia during the last three years till April, 1969 ; and

(b) the names and addresses of the Producers whose films have been exported by the Indian Motion Pictures Export Corporation Ltd. to the above countries and the amount of foreign exchange earned thereby ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-1162/69*]

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9678. SHRI ARJUN SINGH BHADORIA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of films which have been sent by the Indian Motion Pictures Export Corporation (P) Ltd., to U.S.S.R. and Canada during the last three years till