

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :

- (a) No, Sir.
(b) Does not arise.

**INCREASE IN DEFENCE EXPENDITURE
OF PAKISTAN**

5195. SHRI R. BARUA :
SHRI MAYAVAN :
SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :
SHRI N.R. LASKAR :
SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK :
SHRI DHANDAPANI :

Will the MINISTER OF DEFENCE
be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the data disclosed in the latest issue of the annual publication, "The Military Balance, 1969-70", issued by the Institute of Strategic Studies in London in which it has been stated that Pakistan's defence expenditure has increased by 5 per cent;

(b) if so, whether they have also stated that India's expenditure on defence is less than that of Pakistan;

(c) if so, whether the increasing of expenditure on Defence by Pakistan will be a great threat to India; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to meet the threat ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L.N.
MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to "The Military Balance, 1969-70", Pakistan's per capita defence expenditure and percentage of defence expenditure to Gross National Product are higher than that of India.

(c) and (d). Government are alive to the situation created by the Pakistani military build up and suitable and necessary steps are being taken.

**U.S.-U.S.S.R. AGREEMENT TO BAN USE
OF NUCLEAR ARMS IN SEA BED**

5196. SHRI B.K. DAS CHOWDHURY:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any agreement has been reached between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. on the ban of nuclear arms and other weapons of mass destruction from the sea bed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto ?

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(a) to (c) Copy of the U.S.-U.S.S.R. joint draft treaty "on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Seabed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil thereof" presented to the Committee on Disarmament on October 30, 1969 is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. L.T.—2508/69].

An extract from the statement on the draft treaty made by our representative in the First Committee of the U.N. General Assembly is also placed on the Table of the House.

**VIETNAM MINISTER'S TALKS WITH
PRIME MINISTER**

5197. SHRI MAHENDRA MAJHI :
SHRI D.N. DEB. :
SHRI N. SHIVAPPA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the South Vietnamese Minister, Dr. Phan Quang Dan, recently visited New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held with him;

(c) whether he has officially protested to Government against India's initiative to upgrade its Mission in Hanoi;

(d) whether in a press statement, Dr. Dan criticised India's move in regard to North Vietnam; and

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

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(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). It is customary to treat such discussions as confidential.