

over a statement attributed to the Pakistani President in the Pakistani Press in which he had implicated India in regard to the supply of Funds to Political Parties fighting the coming Pakistani Elections ;

(b) if so, whether any reply has since been received from Pakistan ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) further action Government propose to take in the matter ?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Government will continue to urge the Government of Pakistan to stop such hostile and false propaganda.

#### Difficulty in Export of Steel

452. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA :  
SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL :  
SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH ;

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are facing a difficulty in order to have steel for the purpose of export ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry of Steel & Heavy Engineering have regretted their inability to make available steel for export purposes on account of heavy demands in the internal market ;

(d) if so, whether it is further a fact that Government are under heavy commitments for export of steel to Kuwait, Persian Gulf, Iraq and Iran where certain industries are mainly dependent on Indian exports ; and

(e) if so, in what way Government propose to honour these commitments ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Exports of Indian steel reached a peak level in 1968-69 when there was an indigenous surplus while in the world there was a rising demand. Now the indigenous demand has risen while the world-wide shortage continues and so some balancing of export demand and indigenous demand has to be made from time to time in the light of existing orders.

(c) The Ministry of Steel and Heavy Engineering is doing its best to make available steel for meeting both internal demand and the export demand.

(d) Many exporters have negotiated orders from overseas. There has also been demand placed by Governments of various countries in the course of Trade negotiations and otherwise.

(e) Government are making specific releases for export and it is hoped that atleast part of the huge demand can be met from these releases.

#### Setting up of Ordinance Production Board

453. SHRI NAMBIAR ;  
SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL :  
SHRI RAM KISHAN GUPTA :  
SHRI VISHWANATH MENON :  
SHRI K.M. ABRAHAM ;  
SHRI S.M. KRISHNA :  
SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD :  
MANDAL :  
DR. SUSHILA NAYAR ;  
SHRI MAYAVAN :  
SHRI N.R. LASKAR :  
SHRI SAMINATHAN :  
SHRI NARAYANAN ;

**SHRI BHAGABAN DAS :**  
**SHRI DHANDAPANTI :**

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred question No. 434 on the 25th February, 1970 and state :

(a) whether Government have since taken the final decision to set up a Ordnance Production Board to coordinate the activities of different production establishments of his Ministry ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.C. SETHI) :** (a) Not yet, Sir, but the proposal is in an advanced stage of consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

**Attack on Indians in England by "Skinheads"**

454. **SHRI NAMBIAR :**  
**SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :**  
**SHRI K. RAMANI :**  
**SHRI SATYA NARAIN SINGH :**  
**SHRI B. K. MODAK :**  
**SHRI VISWANATHA MENON :**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported attack on Indians and other Asian immigrants in England by the 'skinhead' British youths ;

(b) whether Government have protested to the British Government against this attack on immigrants ;

(c) if so, the nature of protest and the reaction of the British Government thereto ; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :** (a) The Government is aware that youth gangs who call themselves "Skinheads", are operating in some parts of London and that they are a danger to the safety of the Asians living there.

(b) to (d). The Indian High Commission in London has been in touch with the U.K. authorities in these matters, and is constantly bringing home to them their responsibility to ensure the safety and security of Indians living in the United Kingdom.

**Cutting Down The Staff Strength in India Missions Abroad**

455. **SHRI NAMBIAR :**  
**SHRI UMANATH :**  
**SHRI A.K. GOPALAN :**  
**SHRIMATI SUSEELA**  
**GOPALAN :**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to cut the strength of the Indian Missions abroad as they are considered to be oversized ;

(b) if so, the names of the Missions affected ; and

(c) the details of the proposed re-organisation ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :** (a) to (c). The rationalisation and reallocation of staff in all Indian Missions abroad is continuously under review. The Government are fully alive to the necessity of keeping the staff in the Indian Missions at levels consistent with the work-load and the demands of functional efficiency and with due regard to economy. On a continuing basis, the Foreign Service Inspectors, consisting of an Additional Secretary of the