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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan and China are importing more weapons than India;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have analysed or propose to analyse the implications as a result thereof;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A country resorts to import of weaponry, suiting its own needs towards modernisation. The acquisitions of weapons by neighbouring countries have been factored in, while determining India's requirement of weapons to maintain the requisite combat edge.