

ernment have been requested to furnish information on certain points to facilitate examination of the matter in proper perspective.

### **Privatisation of Defence Production**

\*94. SHRI AJOY BISWAS:  
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering privatisation of the defence production; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b). Privatisation means handing over Government owned production units to the private sector. Govt. is not considering any proposal to hand over the ownership of any Defence production unit to the private sector.

### **Terrorists Activities in Punjab, Delhi and Adjoining States**

\*95. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTAIK:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether pro-Khalistan terrorists have stepped up their violent activities with the intention of bringing about communal divide as is evident from New Delhi Railway Station bomb blast on 12 June, 1989 and Moga Killings in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the steps taken and proposed to be taken to contain those activities?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (S. BUTA SINGH): (a) Government are aware that attempts to flare-up communal disharmony between Hindus and Sikhs has been a

major plank of the terrorists' strategy.

(b) Despite their efforts the terrorists have not succeeded in bringing about any such situation and the people of Punjab have maintained communal harmony. The security agencies are also vigilant and have taken necessary precautionary steps to maintain public order

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### **Recruitment in Army From Madhya Pradesh**

\*96. SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the backwardness of Madhya Pradesh, any concrete plan has been chalked out for recruitment of jawans in the army from the State; and

(b) if so, the time by which this plan is proposed to be implemented and the number of young people likely to get employment under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) No such special plan has been drawn up.

(b) Does not arise.

### **Damage to Telecommunication System Due to Rain, Flood and Cyclone**

\*97. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:  
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any estimate of the extent of damage caused to telecommunication system due to rain, flood and cyclone in Orissa, West Bengal and other States during May, June and July, 1989;