

(a) whether with a view to ending constant infiltration from the North East, Government have considered the desirability of sealing the border;

(b) what has been the rate of infiltration from Bangladesh during the last one year;

(c) how many infiltrators could be apprehended and how many were pushed back; and

(d) action being taken to seal the border and by what time this will be done?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (d) : Anti-infiltration measures, strength of BSF battalions and other security measures for safeguarding the borders for effectively dealing with entry of illegal migrants are reviewed by the Government from time to time. This is not a one time process but a continuing one. The rate of infiltration from Bangladesh during the period from January 1984 to September 1985 ranges from 2,000 to 2,700 per month. The number of infiltrators intercepted by BSF as well as received by the BSF from other security agencies in West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya and Tirpura was 24,772 during the year 1984 and 24,533 during the year 1985 (up to September 1985). All these infiltrators were sent back.

Concentration of Pakistani Forces on J and K Border

*48. **SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :**
PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the current massive preparations including the concentration of forces and hoarding of sophisticated weapons and foodstuff for winter months by the Pakistani troops all along the line of actual control in Jammu and Kashmir give a hint of their nefarious designs on the State;

(b) if so, whether during his recent meeting with the Pakistan President in New York, the Prime Minister brought to his notice all these hostile activities; and

(c) reaction of Pakistan President thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) There is no evidence to suggest unusual movement or concentration of Pakistani forces, or usual winter stocking, along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Exchange of Firing Between Pakistan and Indian Troops

*49. **SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN :**
SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that heavy exchange of firing between Pakistan and Indian troops have been reported during the last three months near Indo-Pak Border areas;

(b) if so, what were the main causes due to which such heavy firings took places;

(c) the number of Indian Defence Personnel killed in the exchanges;

(d) whether Government have lodged any protest with the Pak Government in this regard;

(e) if so, their reaction thereto;

(f) whether in September, 1985 some Pak soldiers had strayed into the Indian side who after being apprehended were handed over to Pak authorities; and

(g) whether the Indian soldiers in similar circumstances were killed and their bodies were not returned to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) : There have

been some cases of exchange of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops across the Line of Control in J & K in the last three months resulting in some casualties on both sides. The incidents were a result of unprovoked firing by Pakistani troops.

(d) and (e) : Matters relating to such incidents are sought to be resolved at flag meetings at the Local Commanders' level.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) In one incident in the Kargil Sector in J and K on 25.6.1985 one JCO and two Other Ranks inadvertently strayed across the Line of Control and were apprehended by Pak troops. They were returned on 8.10.1985.

In another incident in the same Sector on 4.10.1985, three Indian soldiers were killed by Pak troops on our side of the Line of Control. Their bodies were returned by Pakistan on 6.10.1985.

Allocation of Funds for Central Social Welfare Board

*50. DR. PHULRENU GUHA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the allotment of money for Central Social Welfare Board during 1984-85 ;

(b) amount spent by the Board during 1984-85 ; and

(c) allotment for 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI) : (a) : Rs. 16.98 crores.

(b) Rs. 16.93 crores.

(c) Rs. 20.08 crores.

Grant-in-Aid for Free Distribution of Newspapers in Tribal Areas

*51. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to consider giving of grant-in-aid to those newspapers who wish to distribute their magazines free for tribals in villages and also to those volunteer organisations which are working in the tribal areas for the upliftment of tribals and other people belonging to weaker Sections ; and

(b) if so, the details there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Violation of Indian Airspace by Pakistan Military Aircrafts

*52. SHRI B. V. DESAI :
SHRI RANJIT SINGH
GAEKWAD :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the defence sources reported at least five violations of Indian air space by Pakistani military aircrafts during the last three months ;

(b) whether Pakistani combat planes intruded into Indian air space in the Poonch, Uri and Tangdhar sectors ; and

(c) whether earlier, Pakistani Planes overflew Indian territory in the Poonch and Akhnoor areas also ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) : There have been some cases of violation of Indian air space by Pak military aircraft during the last three months. It would not be desirable to give further details.

"Khalistan Currency" In UK, USA, Canada and West Germany

*53. SHRI S. M. BHATTAM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the press reports to the effect that