

budget. No break-up of the revenue realised is presented in Parliament. The Hon. Member also mentioned that goods vanished from the airport warehouse. If the Hon. Member provides some information in this regard, I shall be able to throw some light on it.

SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Those goods disappeared from the Indira Gandhi International Airport. If you are not aware of it, then who else would know it? I have given notice of a question in this regard, as well.

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH : As such incidents have occurred at several airports, I want some specific information so that I can give you the required information.

DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Mr. Chairman, Sir, in the raids which are conducted many types of contraband goods are seized. Some of these confiscated goods are resold and some are destroyed. I want to know from the Hon. Minister of Finance whether the narcotics and drugs, which cannot be used and which cannot be put up for sale, are destroyed? There have been press reports to the effect that out of the 900 kgs. of ganja seized, only 10 kgs. have been destroyed and the rest of 890 kgs. have been sold off by the officials. If this information is true, then what steps are being taken to control such irregularities?

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH : So far as narcotics are concerned, those are destroyed. If the Hon. Member has information to the contrary, he may pass it on to me, and I shall certainly take action on it.

[English]

Manufacture of Jet fighter planes by
Pakistan with US-China
collaboration

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*268. **SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI :**
SHRI D. N. REDDY :

Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have seen reports that Pakistan plans to manufacture

200 Jet fighter planes under a project involving collaboration with the United States and China;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter; and

(c) the significance of this collaboration between United States and China to help Pakistan vis-a-vis India's defence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) to (c). Government have seen reports regarding Pakistan's plans to establish facilities for the production and upgradation of Chinese F-7 aircraft with United States weaponry and avionics. Such collaboration will reflect continuing United States and Chinese military support to Pakistan and would have significant adverse implications for India's security.

[Translation]

SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI (Ghosi) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Hon. Minister has conceded in unambiguous terms that China and America are supplying arms to Pakistan which would have significant adverse implications for India's security. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister that in view of the clear reports regarding the supply of 200 M. I. ABRAMS, AWACS aircrafts, 200 lethal tanks, some radar equipped planes and some anti tank missiles to Pakistan by America and China, what steps are being taken by the Indian Government to deal with the situation?

SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH : Sir, I shall limit my answer to the question only. The Hon. Member has made his supplementary rather too long. The information regarding the supply of 200 Jet fighter planes was published in the 'New York Tribune' dated 8th October, 1986. You might have also read the news item which appeared in the Indian Newspapers on the 10th of October, 1986. Now the situation is that no categorical announcement has been made by the Chinese or the American Government that they have entered into an agreement with Pakistan for the supply of these aircrafts. We are keeping ourselves informed about these newspaper reports and we know that

the countries friendly to Pakistan are supplying it with arms and ammunition. Evidently, if such supplies are made, it does have bearing on our security. The Central Ministries, namely the Defence Ministry and the External Affairs Ministry keep themselves abreast of all the developments.

SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Sir, just now the Hon. Minister mentioned one newspaper. I want to say that in the 'Hindustan' dated 18th November, 1986, which is published from New Delhi, a news item based on 'New York Times', has been published that America after effecting a cut in the aid to some friendly countries, will be giving military aid worth millions of dollars to Pakistan in the current year.

The names of 4, 5 or 6 countries figure in the list, out of which Pakistan would receive the maximum aid.

In the "Hindustan" dated 7th November, 1986, which is published from New Delhi, it is written :

"America has supplied 200 lethal tanks to Pakistan; hectic military preparation of Pakistan against India."

The same newspaper reported on November 1, 1986 : "Five airports have been established to operate 300 American planes".

Another news item reported in the same newspaper on the 26th October was : "America will supply to Pakistan radar equipped planes."

It was in connection with the above mentioned news items, that I had asked about the steps being taken ? In view of the preparations being made on the other side of the border, the whole country feels and the whole House feels that they should know as to what is being done to face the challenge and whether we have consulted our friends in this connection and whether we have got any assurance that if such a situation arises and we face threats from air, sea and ground, what help will be extended to us to deal with the situation. The Hon. Minister should treat it as an important question and apprise the House with the required information.

SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH : I agree with the Hon. Member that it is a very serious question. About 4 to 6 days ago there was a news item about the supply of AWACS also. But if we lodge a protest on the basis of press reports, they may reject it on the plea that these are merely press reports. But as soon as we came to know that Mr. Wyneberger had visited Pakistan and an announcement to this effect had been made, the Government took all possible steps. We have also read these news item which had appeared in the months of October and November and we are aware that talks are going on in this regard. But Government have no positive information that the supply of arms has already been made and I think even the newspapers have no such information. But the question of security of this region is so complicated and grave that the Prime Minister himself, the Defence Minister, the Minister of External Affairs and other Ministries keep a watch over the developments daily and its possible repercussion in the region.

As suggested by you, we shall hold consultations with our friends.

SHRI P. NAMGYAL : The Hon. Member has just said that if such news items are published in the newspapers, then a protest note is sent to them. I want to know whether it is not a fact that China has constructed the silk road connecting Sinkiang with Pakistan in connivance with Pakistan ? Just now the Hon. Minister has said that they only lodged a protest when they came across press reports about the supply of aircrafts. Similarly, when China infiltrated into Arunachal Pradesh upto a distance of 3 to 4 kms, you had merely protested. I want to know whether the Government propose to take any other step besides protests ? Or is it that we shall go on protesting and they will continue to do whatever they want ? It was only yesterday that Pakistan had shown Lahanul and Spiti as a disputed area and you merely lodged a protest. I want to ask whether you have any other plan of countering the situation, besides sending protest notes ?

SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH : Mr. Chairman, Sir, with great humility and due respect, I want to submit to you...

(Interruptions)

SHRI RANA VIR SINGH : This you say even in your protest notes, but we are asking you about something else...

(Interruptions)

SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH : Either you accept it as a serious issue or you accept it as a trivial matter—take your decision in this respect... (Interruptions)

SHRI RANA VIR SINGH : Mr. Minister, if you are not serious then you have no other option but to be polite. You do not give due recognition to serious issues and this is my submission to you.

(Interruptions)

SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : The Hon. Minister may just assure us that we are adequately prepared to meet the challenge? Tell us in one minute and the matter comes to an end.

(Interruptions)

SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH : We are fully prepared to meet any danger from any quarter. Now, I hope you are satisfied.

SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I want to know from the Hon. Minister whether we are getting any help from Russia with which a treaty of friendship for 25 years has been signed in the same manner in which Pakistan is being supplied with arms by its friends? Or are we sitting silent?

SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH : Well, this supplementary does not bear any relation to the main question.

SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : You are saying that the supplementary has no connection with the main question. But I think it has a bearing with the main question because they are getting from their friends and we only lodge protests?

(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : What you say does not arise from this question.

[Translation]

SHRI SHRIPATI MISHRA : Mr. Chairman, Sir, every supplementary was based on press reports to which much credibility cannot be attached. Will the Hon. Minister enlighten us as to whether there is any Intelligence Department which could gather information on such serious issues before the 'New York Times' or other newspapers can get it, and inform the concerned officials about it? Or will we rely on 'New York Times' and such other newspapers as a source, and then take the required steps?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the question raised by the Hon. Member is both timely and proper. I would just like to submit that our responsibility does not end with mere analysis of matters based on newspaper reports. The Government of India is determined to defend the country and to preserve its integrity. We shall make full use of the powers invested by this House to the Government in order to maintain its defence preparedness and to make the country strong.

So far as the question of analysis is concerned, we use all the resources—Intelligence as well as other resources—to analyse the situation and along with it we make efforts to maintain the balance of military power and prepare ourselves accordingly so that we are able defend ourselves in case of an attack. For this we are fully prepared.

[English]

SHRI R. L. BHATIA : I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether by the acquisition of arms and other things by Pakistan from time to time, the parity between India and Pakistan has been disturbed. What the Government of India is doing to maintain the parity which used to be between India and Pakistan, which has been disturbed by now by the acquisition of various arms by Pakistan.

SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH : The question raised by the Hon. Member is very pertinent and very timely. We have said it to the Government of Pakistan and to the

Government of United States that this induction of sophisticated weapons into Pakistan inevitably would lead to an arms race in this area and mean diversion of our resources for defence purposes, which we would like to divert for the development of this country. Now with regard to a parity, a constant review is made of the armament requirement of the country and to see that in no way we lag behind Pakistan or any other neighbour of ours who has the intention of disturbing the security of this area.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Question Hour is over.

[Translation]

SHRI SHIV PRASAD SAHU : I want to raise an important point. Pakistan is the subject of our discussions at present. Is our Minister of External Affairs or our Defence Minister aware of the fact that large quantities of uranium are being smuggled into Pakistan from the Chaibasa district of Bihar. This is a very serious issue and is connected with the security of the country. Pakistan is trying to develop a Hydrogen bomb and uranium ore is being smuggled from here for this purpose. What is the Government doing in this regard. (Interruptions)

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have already said that the Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Boycott of credit camp in Bangalore by bank officers unions

*270. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether two bank officers' unions have boycotted the credit camp held in Bangalore on October 31, 1986 as reported in the 'Business Standard' of 27 October, 1986;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) to (c). According to the information made available by Syndicate Bank, the convenor bank for the State Level Bankers' Committee for the State of Karnataka, the officers of various banks attended to the completion of the requisite formalities involved in the sanctioning of loan cases for the credit camp held at Bangalore on October 31, 1986. However, some of the officers were not present at the site of the credit camp presumably in pursuance of call given by their Confederation. Government expects all officers and staff of banks to contribute their best to implement programmes for accelerated flow of credit to weaker sections.

Permission to put up additional rooms in hotels in New Delhi

*271. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme to provide financial and other assistance to private sector hotels for their expansion and if so, the salient features thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that a number of hotels in New Delhi are running in premises earmarked for residential purpose in the Master Plan of the Capital and these are not being permitted to put up additional rooms despite availability of space therefor; and

(c) the steps contemplated to modify the Master Plan of Capital so that those hotels are permitted to expand by full utilisation of the accommodation available with them ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SYED) : (a) The Central Government does not directly provide financial assistance to hotels. However, the Industrial Finance Corporation of India and other Central Financial Institutions as also the State level financial institutions grant loans for the setting up of new hotels as well as for their expansion, depending upon