

Correct Orientation to Officers and Jawans in Armed Forces

*824. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether steps are being taken to ensure adequately correct orientation to the Officers and Jawans in three wings of the Armed Forces-keeping in view the countries and world forces creating security problems for India and those helping India to ensure effective defence ;

(b) if so, the details thereabout ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) to (c) Correct orientation to officers and men of the three wings of the Armed Forces on all aspects relating to security of the country is given in the various training institutions and regimental centres. Detailed studies of geo-politics is one of the subjects of the training courses for officers. During their mid-career, officers are also given a more detailed and thorough exposure to the study of geo-politics, economics and security related problems of countries around the sub-continent including study of their military potential. This includes regular dissemination of information on their armed forces, equipment acquisitions, training doctrines and psychological operations.

In addition to such training through regular training institutions, information on our neighbours as well as countries friendly towards us and those countries which are helping our possible adversaries as published in reputed academic and other journals are also regularly brought to the notice of all personnel of our Armed Forces through information centres and libraries. In addition to these, publications are periodically issued by Services Headquarters to keep officers and men abreast of latest international developments particularly in the field of security.

Other Ranks of the Armed Forces are kept informed of all such matters, in addition, through Sainik Sammellans, special sammellans arranged during visits of senior commanders and other VIPs and by informal

talks and discussions between Officers and Other Ranks.

Protest Over Kashmir Being Shown Outside India in World Travel Guide

*825. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Travel Guide published in London in the month of April 1983 on behalf of the Association of National Tourist Office Representatives and the association of the British Travel Association have shown Kashmir outside India ;

(b) if so, whether a map of this Sub-Continent preceding the chapter on India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Pakistan on page 300 shows Kashmir outside Indian Territory ;

(c) if so, whether the Indian Tourist Office is a member of the Association of the National Tourist Office Representatives known as ANTOR which has supported the Guide by providing 7 transparencies and script on the Indian section ; and

(d) if so, whether any protest was lodged by the Indian Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (d) The World Travel Guide published by Columbus Press contains a map of India in which the State of Jammu & Kashmir has been shown as a separate country. The material for this Guide was collected from various sources, including Members of the Association of National Tourist Office Representatives (ANTOR), of which the Government of India Tourist Office is also a member and the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA). The editorial material was seen by the Indian Tourist Office in London (which incidentally contains a reference to Jammu & Kashmir) and as per the request received, necessary transparencies were also provided. However, the map which, along with most of the other maps contained in the Guide, had been obtained by the Publishers directly from M/s Oxford Cartographer Limited, so it had