

how they can be used in the Himalayas or in the High mountains in the North and the West of Pakistan and in the sea in the South. So, he forgets the topography. Let us take into account the historical factor. We have got in our neighbourhood, in Pakistan, a Government which came into power after hanging the elected Prime Minister of Pakistan, a Government which has now openly declared that no elections will be held hereafter in Pakistan; it is a Government which has not got the backing of the will of the people there. Of course, it is an internal affair of Pakistan and we are not concerned with it. But only one thing I would like to know from the Minister and that is, in such a situation, is there not a possibility of some further temptation on the part of such a Government to resort to aggressive action against India particularly when the fact remains that the Government of USA is helping them. So, in such a situation, I would like to know whether the Government of India is taking any political initiative to approach the Government of USA and declaring that they would regard this action of theirs as an unfriendly and hostile action towards India and take reciprocal steps, because, our defence is in danger. When we are so much concerned with Defence, the Finance Minister is approaching the World Bank and the Government of USA for aid....

MR. SPEAKER: I think you have taken the cue from other Members today. Please put the question now.

SHRI BHOGENDR JHA: I would like to know from the Minister what political initiatives they have taken.....

MR. SPEAKER: Please put the question; otherwise you will not get any reply.

SHRI BHOGENDR JHA: Let the Minister reply what steps they are proposing to take against the USA.

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: I have already stated that we are taking various steps—diplomatic and otherwise.

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The very fact that the Foreign Minister of this country went to Pakistan to highlight that their acquisition of bombers is increasing the tension in this region only goes to show the various diplomatic and other steps which we are taking. And as far as the USA is concerned, we have brought our feelings to the notice of the Government in the U.S.A. As to how they will respond to it, in what fashion, in what form and so on, it is up to them. But as far as we are concerned, we have taken all the necessary steps in this regard.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Number of workers brought under Employees' State Insurance Scheme

\*41. SHRI MANMOHAN TUDU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of workers who have been brought under the purview of the Employees' State Insurance Scheme during the first four months of the current financial year;

(b) what is the expected performance of such scheme in the near future;

(c) whether necessary guidelines have been sent to the various States for implementing this scheme vigorously;

(d) if so, the names of the States which have shown better performance during the last few months of the current financial year; and,

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI-MATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) 15,600.

(b) The programme for 1981-82 envisages coverage of additional 1,66,800 employees.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). The following States have shown comparatively better performance:—

1. Tamil Nadu
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Maharashtra
4. Andhra Pradesh

The additional coverage in the above States was 6,200, 4,000, 3,000 and 550 respectively.

**वायु सेना के विमान चालकों को सुविधाएं**

\* 43 श्री तारिक अमनवर : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वायु सेना के विमान चालकों को एयर इण्डिया तथा इण्डियन एयर लाइन्स के विमान चालकों से बेतन तथा अन्य सुविधाएँ कम मिलती हैं ;

(ख) क्या इस के परिणामस्वरूप वायु सेना के विमान चालकों की संख्या कम हो गई है ; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो इस असंगति को दूर करने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

**प्रधान मंत्री (श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी):**

(क) कमर्शियल पायलटों और भारतीय वायु सेना के पायलटों की सेवा शर्तों में तुलना करना ठीक नहीं है ।

(ख) भारतीय वायु सेना में मांग की तुलना में अधिकारियों को भर्ती करने में कुछ कमी आई है । इसका मुख्य कारण भारतीय वायु सेना के लिए पायलटों को चुनने, डाक्टरी जांच करने

और उड़ान में दक्षि रखने की जांच में कठोर मानकों का प्रयत्न है । अतः इस कमी को भारतीय वायु सेना की सेवा शर्तों से जोड़ना ठीक नहीं होगा । इसके लिए यह कहना ठीक नहीं है कि भारतीय वायु सेना की सेवा शर्तों के कारण यह कमी आई है ।

(ग) समस्त साधनों की कमी को ध्यान में रखते हुए सरकार भारतीय वायु सेना के अधिकारियों सहित सशस्त्र सेनाओं के कर्मियों की सेवा शर्तों में सुधार करने का प्रयत्न कर रही है ।

**Acquisition of fast attack Missile Boats by Pak**

\*47. SHRI GHULAM MOHAMMAD KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether her attention had been drawn to the news item appearing in various papers that Pakistan is acquiring new fast attack missile boats, latest destroyers and air-to-surface missiles for its Navy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a Pakistani defence team recently concluded talks with their American, Chinese and French counter-parts on the question of acquiring sophisticated naval equipment; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

**THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI):** (a) and (b). Government are aware of reports regarding the visits of Pakistani military delegations to some foreign countries to acquire Naval equipment.

(c) A watch is being kept on the situation and necessary steps would be taken to safeguard the interests of the country.