

**SHRI M RAM GOPAL REDDY** I want to know what sort of arms shipments were sent to Pakistan. Has the Minister got any information about it?

**SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA** In reply to the original question I have already stated that we have information which we are verifying, but I don't think that unless we have definite information, we should disclose the nature of the information that we have.

**MR SPEAKER** Mr Sathe, you have come on the front line?

**SHRI VASANTRAO PURUSHOTTAM SATHL** I could not catch your eye sitting there.

**MR SPEAKER** No, no. You will have a better chance by being a back-bencher.

**SHRI S M BANERJEE** Members are supposed to ask the questions from their seats.

**MR SPLAKER** Yes, they are supposed to.

**SHRI S M BANERJEE** I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether it is true that according to the revelations made by Jack Anderson, the United States Government, despite their denials that they are sending any fresh arms to Pakistan directly, are sending sophisticated weapons to Pakistan through various countries, and if so, whether this matter has been taken up with the US Government, and with what result?

**SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA** This matter was taken up with the United States Government, in Delhi as well as in Washington. They have denied it. They have said, "Well, no transfer from third countries can take place, of USA equipment without their knowledge."

**SHRI K. MANOJARAN**. An utter lie.

**SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA**. But, later on, they said that they are looking it, they are investigating whether such a thing has happened or not. Therefore, the

denial was not also categorical, and we are pursuing the matter with them.

**SHRI VASANTRAO PURUSHOTTAM SATHL** Will the hon. Minister say if this shipment is the remnant of the pipeline or in addition to it, and what is the value of the present supply?

**SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA** The pipeline was never stopped and these are surreptitious supplies and not pipeline supplies. Pipeline supplies were direct and, therefore, it is obvious that they do not belong to the pipeline so far as pipeline supplies are concerned.

**SHRI VASANTRAO PURUSHOTTAM SATHL** What is their value?

**SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA**. Well, I don't think we can say anything about it, unless we have verified it.

Some hon. Members rose—

**MR SPLAKER** I am sorry. So many questions have already been asked on it.

Shri Pampan Gowda

#### Visit by Foreign Army Chiefs

\*410 **SHRI PAMPAN GOWDA** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) the names of foreign Army Chiefs who visited our country after the recent Indo-Pak war, and

(b) whether they have made any reports on the performance of our Forces in Bangla Desh?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA)** (a) Col. Gen. Viktor Bubanj, Chief of the General Staff, Yugoslav Armed Forces visited India from 25th February to 7th March, 1972.

(b) No, Sir.

**SHRI PAMPAN GOWDA :** I want to know whether there is any proposal before the Government to strengthen the armed forces both numerically as well as qualitatively to meet the challenges if they arise in future.

**SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA :** We have said about this matter several times in the House. We have an overall plan and we review our defence preparedness and take various steps from time to time, in view of whatever information we receive about possible threat to our security and these are matters which are going on continuously and there it is a strange question to ask whether we do it or not.

**MR. SPEAKER :** He did not put the question but he gave some information independent of the question; you are answering...

**SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA :** I thought you had allowed, unless you ask me not to answer. About defence preparedness we keep this constantly under review.

**SHRI PAMPAN GOWDA :** What are the impressions of the visiting chief of Yugoslavia ?

**SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SINHA :** What are the places which the Army Chief visited ? Did he give any suggestion with regard to any of our beauty spots or ordnance depots ?

**SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA :** He visited Bombay, Himatnagar, Khajuraho, Agra, Jodhpur, Jaipur, Dehra Dun and other places.

**SHRI PILOO MODY :** What is in Khajuraho ?

**SHRI R. P. ULAGANAMBI :** May I know whether they are visiting the country on the invitation extended by our Government ? What is the purpose of their visit ?

**SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA :** They visit our country on invitation; no such dignity comes without invitation. Our people are also invited in like manner. These are reciprocal.

**SHRI PILOO MODY :** They go without invitation...

**SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA :** None of us ever go without invitation.

**SHRI PILOO MODY :** Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed visited Rabat.

**SHRI S. A. KADER :** In view of the invitation extended by our country some itinerary of the visit must have been prepared by us. If so, does the itinerary include such other places like Khajuraho ?

**SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA :** I think this supplementary question does not relate to the main question.

**SHRI S. A. KADER :** The hon. Minister himself had referred to the itinerary. Since he was invited for a purpose, may I know whether a visit to this place was also included in that purpose ?

**SHRI K. MANOHARAN :** After the purpose is over, he had recreation.

**MR. SPEAKER :** I think that this question need not be answered. After all, he was invited here. He came here and he went away.

**SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY :** When we invited such Chiefs of Army are we going to discuss with them our problems ?

**SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA :** These visits are mainly good-will visits. Naturally, during discussions with the counterparts, some matters of mutual interest come, but it is not necessary that our problems have to be discussed with visiting Chiefs of Staff from other countries, but if we have any mutual problems or things of mutual interest, we do discuss such things.

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