

(c) the reasons for not fulfilling the promise by the U.S. Government?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) to (c). In November, 1962, the U.S. Government agreed to supply stores and equipment of the value of \$60 million to meet the Chinese threat. This was followed by two further programmes of an estimated value of \$50 million each making a total of \$60 million. Against these programmes the total value of supplies actually received upto September, 1965 was approximately 78 million.

The aid programme was discontinued by the U.S. Government in September, 1965, during the Indo-Pakistan hostilities and has not yet been resumed except for training programmes for Service Officers in mutually agreed courses in U.S.A. which have been resumed recently.

Invitation to Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan to visit India

*142. Shri Swell:

Shri E. K. Birla:
Dr. Karnal Singh:
Shri Kikar Singh:
Shri Kolar Birla:
Shri Inderjit Malhotra:
Shri Mohan Swarup:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri E. S. Vidyarthi:
Shri George Fernandes:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Smt J. H. Patel:
Shri A. Sreedharan:
Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:
Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:
Shri Jagannath Rao Jeshi:
Shri Hem Raj:
Shri Mangalshankar:
Shri P. Viswambharan:
Shri Kameshwar Singh:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended a fresh invitation to Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan to visit India;

(b) if so, whether any communication has been received from him after the invitation;

(c) when he is visiting India; and

(d) the assistance which is being given to him for his Pakhtoon Movement?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Surendra Pal Singh): (a) to (c). An invitation was issued in January, 1965 to Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan to come to India at any time that he wished. As Badshah Khan has already indicated that he would visit India at a suitable opportunity no fresh invitation has been extended to him.

(d) Government of India's views on this question are well-known and have been expressed in the House on a number of occasions. Government has every sympathy with the legitimate aspirations of the Pakhtoons and will do whatever possible constitutionally to support them.

Appointments to Ambassadorial Posts

*143. Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri George Fernandes:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:
Shri E. S. Vidyarthi:
Shri Bishnu Mishra:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy about the appointments of defeated Ministers to the ambassadorial posts;

(b) whether the former Finance Minister, Shri Sachin Chaudhuri is being appointed as India's High Commissioner in U.K.;

(c) whether the former Finance Minister has asked for the status of a Cabinet Minister during the tenure as High Commissioner in U.K.; and

(d) whether the appointment will take effect before the former Finance