

U.S. MILITARY BASE AT BUDHBER IN PAKISTAN

*474. **SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA :**

SHRI J. M. BISWAS :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States have established a military Telecommunication Centre and Monitoring Base at Budhber in Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether the U.S. army will be in a position to take clear pictures of all the air activities of India thereby endangering our defences; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the measures planned to counteract it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) :

(a) According to our information a U.S. Air Force Communication Group Base was set up in 1958-59 in Badber near Peshawar and is still in existence.

(b) We have no information about this.

(c) Does not arise.

TASHKENT DECLARATION

*475. **SHRI HEM BARUA :** Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has been violating deliberately the Tashkent Declaration by intruding into our airspace, resorting to firing across the border and by collecting arms and ammunition from foreign sources to be used against India; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to see that the Tashkent Declaration is not violated with such impunity by Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b). Every time there has been a violation of the Tashkent Declaration

by Pakistan, Government of India have lodged a protest. The House has been informed of these violations in answer to questions put in this House from time to time. Measures to prevent violations include meetings of the Chiefs of Armies of India and Pakistan and of the respective Air Forces. At these meetings, procedures and guide-lines to prevent violations have been evolved. As regards the acquisition by Pakistan of arms and ammunition from foreign sources, attention of Hon'ble Members is invited to the answer given in the Lok Sabha on December 11, 1967 to Starred Question No. 509 in which reference has been made to the previous questions answered on the same subject.

PAKISTAN'S WAR-LIKE PREPARATIONS ON RAJASTHAN AND GUJARAT BORDERS

*476. **SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :** Will the Minister of **DEFENCE** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that since 1965 conflict, Pakistan has been constructing a number of posts apart from constructing a new airfield at Mugerbin and Chor along the Gujarat and Rajasthan Border and has also concentrated its forces, all along the border specially trained in desert warfare;

(b) whether Government are aware that Pakistan has stationed a Division at Biliari near Amarkot and has recently sent a train load of American and Chinese tanks to the Biliari military centre; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and steps taken to strengthen the borders?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) to (c). Government keep a close watch on Pakistan military activity across our borders, including construction of items of military significance, movement of troops etc. While it is not possible to disclose details, it can be indicated that there have been no movements across the Gujarat and Rajasthan borders which may be a cause for alarm. All steps necessary for ensuring the security of the country are duly taken as a part of operational plans.