

SHRI YAJNA DATT
SHARMA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-
PAYEE:
SHRI SHASHIBHUSHAN BAJ-
PAI:
SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN:
SHRI SITARAM KESRI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the East Pakistan authorities have of late deployed more troops all along the Assam-East Pakistan border;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the troops have constructed bunkers and dug trenches particularly in Cachar and Garo Hills Sectors on the border;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the fresh concentration of troops of described to be the biggest after the Tashkent declaration; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) to (c). No unusual concentration of Pakistani troops or other significant military activity across Assam-East Pakistan border has come to our notice.

(d) A close watch is kept on all military developments across our borders and appropriate measures taken to safeguard the security of the country.

Role of Private Sector in Fourth Plan

*37. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPA-
LAN:
SHRI SATYA NARAIN
SINGH:
SHRI P. RAMAMURTI:
SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the statement of Shri Venkataraman, Member, Planning Commission, that Govern-

ment are considering to associate the private sector in shaping and implementing the Fourth Plan; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

Consultations with associations and leading members of the private sector in the formulation of private sector programmes have been a normal feature in the preparation of successive Plans. It is proposed to hold similar discussions with the private sector in the preparation of the Fourth Plan.

Expulsion of the First Secretary, Indian Deputy High Commission in Dacca

*38. SHRI D. C. SHARMA:
SHRI SAMAR GUHA:
SHRI MAYAVAN:
SHRI ANBUCHZHIAN:
SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK:
SHRI NIHAL SINGH:
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO:
SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA:
SHRI N. K. P. SALVE:
SHRI Y. A. PRASAD:
SHRI JUGAL MONDAL:
SHRI D. N. DEB:
SHRI N. K. SANGHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the circumstances leading to the expulsion of Shri P. N. Ojha, First Secretary, Indian Deputy High Commission in Dacca from Pakistan; and

(b) the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) On January 6, 1968, the Pakistan Foreign Office demanded the immediate expulsion of Shri P. N. Ojha, First Secretary of the Deputy

High Commission for India in Dacca for alleged assistance to some Pakistanis in their activities against the Government of Pakistan.

(b) The Government of India categorically denied the allegations against Mr. Ojha and protested against the unwarranted demand of the Government of Pakistan for Mr. Ojha's expulsion.

Sheikh Abdullah's Talk with Prime Minister

- *40. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH:
SHRI T. D. RAMABADRAN:
SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA:
SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU:
SHRI ARJUN SINGH BHADORIA:
SHRI SURENDRANATH DWIVEDY:
SHRI ANBUCHZHIAN:
SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI:
SHRI SITARAM KESRI:
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:
SHRI SHRI CHAND GOEL:
SHRI HEM RAJ:
SHRI C. K. BHATTA-
CHARYYA:
SHRI RAMJI RAM:
DR. SURYA PRAKASH
PURI:
SHRI RAM AVTAR SHARMA:
SHRI Y. S. KUSHWAH:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-
PAYEE:
SHRI SHARDA NAND:
SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH
SHASTRI:
SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA:
SHRI HARDAYAL DEV-
GUN:
SHRI PRAKASH VIR
SHASTRI:
SHRI SHIV KUMAR
SHASTRI:
SHRI BASWANT:
SHRI KANWAR LAL
GUPTA:
SHRI R. S. VIDYARTHI:
SHRI N. S. SHARMA:

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI
SINHA:

SHRI LAKHAN LAL
KAPOOR:

SHRI J. N. HAZARIKA:

SHRI R. K. SINHA:

SHRI RAM SINGH AYAR-
WAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sheikh Abdullah had met and had discussions with her during the month of January, 1968;

(b) if so, the number of meetings held; and

(c) the subjects discussed and the decisions arrived at?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) to (c). After Sheikh Abdullah's release, I met him on two occasions. The first meeting was on the 4th and the second on the 20th of January, 1968. The talks were of a general nature. Therefore the question of taking decisions does not arise.

MIG-21 Aircraft

- *41. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI YASHPAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made to-date in the manufacture of MIG-21 aircraft in the country;

(b) what was the originally set date for the test flight of the first indigenously manufactured MIG-21 aircraft and whether this date has been altered subsequently, and if so, how many times;

(c) whether Aviation Circles in the country have expressed concern at the delay in the progress of the MIG-21 project; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?