

(d) Prices quoted under ring formations were brought to competitive level through negotiations with individual firms or by counter offer on the basis of lower rate quoted by the suppliers outside the ring. In certain cases the ring firms tendered and apology to Government for their misconduct. No contract was concluded with those firms till the ring was broken.

Arms Aid Received by Pakistan from Various Sources

- *380. SHRI M.L. SONDHI:
SHRI HEM RAJ:
SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA:
SHRI R. K. BIRLA:
SHRI SHARDA NAND:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH
CHAUHAN:
SHRI HUKAM CHAND
KACHWAI:
SHRI RAM SINGH AYARWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of arms Pakistan has obtained from the various sources during the last one year; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to meet the threat to India in view of the declared hostile attitude of Pakistan Government?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) The acquisitions by Pakistan during the last one year include Mirage III-E aircrafts, air-to-air, surface-to-air and anti-tank missiles Midget submarines, T-55 tanks, 130 mm guns, tank and artillery ammunition, spares for tanks and aircrafts and material for the ordnance factories.

(b) Government are alive to the situation created by the Pakistani military build-up and adequate steps are taken to meet the threats to our security.

Military Vehicles sold through the Department of Disposals

- *381. SHRI S. S. KOTHARI: Will

the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that almost every year, a large number of military vehicles are scrapped and are sold through the Department of Disposals ;

(b) if so, the system of valuation for sale purposes of such vehicles ; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that the full realisable value of such vehicles is recovered and that there are no sales below reasonable prices ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) Guiding prices for the sale of the vehicles by auction are determined on the basis of the condition of the vehicles and the sale realisation for similar vehicles in the recent past.

(c) Wide publicity is given to important auctions and tenders through newspapers and other media including the All India Radio. Auctions are arranged through experienced auctioneers, who also arrange for adequate local publicity. Responsible Government Officers supervise the auctions and keep a check on whether the maximum bids received compare favourably with the predetermined guiding prices. While selling vehicles by tender, the highest prices offered are accepted provided they compare favourably with the sale realisations of identical vehicles in the recent past.

अमरीका में पाकिस्तान द्वारा भारत के विरुद्ध प्रचार

*382. श्री प्रकाशबीर शास्त्री : क्या वंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अमरीका से शस्त्रास्त्र प्राप्त करने के लिए पाकिस्तान ने