

**Army Exercises by Pakistan
Near Indian Borders**

*16. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAIN SINHA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan was carrying out large scale army exercises near the Indian border between September and December, 1984 ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to these moves ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) and (b). Pakistan Army formations are reported to have carried out their winter training exercises near our borders during the period October to December, 1984. Such training exercises are conducted every year.

Government keep under watch all developments having a bearing on our security and take appropriate measures to ensure the security of the country at all times.

**Losses Suffered by Public Sector
Projects during Sixth Plan**

1. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for the losses in public sector projects ;

(b) the steps taken by his Ministry and the concerned Ministries to rectify the defects ;

(c) the names of the public sector projects which increased production during the Sixth Plan Period ; and

(d) the total loss by public sector projects during Sixth Plan and the investment made by Government on these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) The major reasons for the losses of public sector undertakings can be summarised as follows :

- (1) Power shortage in various parts of the country ;
- (2) Recessionary conditions prevailing in industries like steel, textile, shipping, etc.
- (3) Technical and Production problems.
- (4) Labour unrest arising from time to time.

(b) The Government is continuously reviewing the performance of public enterprises and among the steps taken to improve the performance, mention may be made of the following :

- (1) Constitution of special study teams to go into specific causes of continued low capacity utilisation wherever noticed and recommend short-term and long-term remedial measures ;
- (2) Additional investments are provided for balancing facilities and captive power plants wherever justified ;
- (3) Technology upgradation, modernisation and rehabilitation of plant and equipment and diversification of products, wherever considered appropriate ;
- (4) Regular monitoring by the concerned Administrative Ministries and Departments through quarterly performance review meetings in respect of individual enterprises.
- (5) Improving the selection and appraisal of top managerial personnel as well as timely filling up of top vacancies.