

been registered, how many persons have been brought to book and what action the Government has taken so far including the State, Central and the Union Territory Administrations?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: The hon. Member will kindly appreciate that there is no Central place where these figures are compiled upto date. Each State enforces these Acts and registers cases. But, if the hon. Member asks me a question about any particular State, I will collect the information from that State. But there is no Central place where we collect and compile this information. It will take a lot of time for me to ask all the States to give the full information.

### Visit of U.S Defence Secretary to India

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\*940. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE:  
SHRI SUBHASH YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Defence Secretary visited India during April, 1988;

(b) if so, the purpose of the visit;

(c) whether he met the Indian leaders; and

(d) if so, the outcome of the talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d). The US Defence Secretary, Mr. Frank C. Carlucci, visited India from 4th to 6th April, 1988 as part of the ongoing high level dialogue between India and the USA on different areas of bilateral cooperation. The US Defence Secretary also called on the Prime Minister and held talks with the Raksha Mantri. Discussions on bilateral cooperation in defence focussed on the transfer of technology in mission areas and acquisition of training aids. The situation in South and South West Asia was also discussed in the light of current developments and the two

sides exchanged views on international issues of mutual interest.

SHRI SHARAD DIGHE: Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the answer it was stated that discussions on bilateral cooperation in defence focussed on the transfer of technology would in mission areas and acquisition of training aids. I would like to know specifically one thing. Before the Defence Secretary arrived here, there was a lot of talk that the transfer of technology to India to facilitate indigenous production of F-5 Fighter-cum-Trainer Jet was also to be discussed in these talks. May I know whether this subject was discussed and any commitment has been made by the USA in this regard?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: This particular subject was not discussed and, therefore, the question of commitment does not arise.

SHRI SHARAD DIGHE: My second supplementary is whether it was discussed that, after the withdrawal of the Soviet troops from Afghanistan, there would be no need for supply of arms to Pakistan according to the Indian view, whether this point of view was put before the Defence Secretary and if so, what was his reaction.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: We did express our concern about the military aid which is being given to Pakistan by the USA and we also tried to impress that, in view of the present withdrawal of the Russian troops from Afghanistan, the need for supply of different equipments was not at all there. He gave a patient hearing. No reaction was there, but subsequently in the Press Conference he reiterated that their relationship with Pakistan was long-standing that they would continue to give the supply. This is the reaction we have got after his Press Conference.

SHRI SUBHASH YADAV: May I know whether there has been any improvement in the relations between the USA and India after the visit of the U.S. Defence Secretary, particularly with regard to their policy of strengthening Pakistan with supply of

sophisticated arms which are being given to the terrorists?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: During the discussion with the Raksha Mantri as well as the Prime Minister, it was told that we have got enough proof that Pakistan is supplying some sophisticated arms to the terrorists. He said that he would bring it to the notice of Pakistan. This was the only thing. But we have expressed to him that sophisticated arms which are coming to the terrorists in Pakistan are being given from Pakistan and we have got enough proof about it.

SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI: Has it been brought to the notice of the Defence Secretary of the U.S., since he was going to Pakistan after he came to India, that the supply of sophisticated arms such as AWACS and Stringer missiles to Pakistan will upset the balance of power in this region and that India strongly protests against this type of supply to Pakistan, particularly after the Geneva Agreement and if so, what was the reaction of the U.S. Secretary of Defence?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: We did express our worries and our unhappiness. But in a Press Conference in Pakistan the U.S. Defence Secretary has reiterated that the commitment given by his predecessor to Pakistan will be kept up.

SHRI G. C. SWELL: I would like to know whether we talked turkey with Mr. Frank Carlucci or whimpered about the American intended supply of E3A Sentries to Pakistan, now, according to reports, with the addition of aerostats. Did we also talk to him about their supply of fire-finding radar to Pakistan which had led our former Chief of Staff to say that he changed his mind from the French Sofma gun to Bofors Howitzer? Did he show concern for our concern or did he treat them all as hallucinations? If he had showed some concern, then how is it that next day, next door, he went to Pakistan and said that they would get all the AWACS aircraft they needed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): Sir, so far as the Airborne Early Warning System is concerned, there was an exchange of views and our understanding is that the United States has taken no decision in this matter yet.

And in so far as other specific items are concerned, the particular one which is referred to by my Hon. friend, there have been some discussions, some talks with the United States of America.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Sir, may I know from the Minister whether this particular aspect of supplying sophisticated arms and arming Pakistan, which will definitely affect the balance of power in this region, after the press conference of the Defence Secretary where he reiterated that supply would be maintained and United States would continue to supply as per the agreement - the Government have taken up this matter with the United States of America.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: During the visit of Mr. Carlucci, the Raksha Mantri during his discussion expressed his unhappiness about arming Pakistan with sophisticated weapons. And he also said: "in a developing country like ours, our preference is more for development work than spending money for defence purposes. And because Pakistan is being armed with certain weapons which is threatening our security, we had to spend money for our defence preparedness." And these views have also been expressed by the Prime Minister during the discussion. Unfortunately, I think, after his press conference in Pakistan, this has no bearing on US because they continue to give arms aid to Pakistan because of their special relations with them. Our diplomatic efforts to dispuade them for giving such weapons to Pakistan will continue. It is a continuous process and I am sure, that it is continuing.

#### Amendment to Arms Act

\*942. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: