

June 30, 1990

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD**

**Subject: Visit of the Prime Minister of Pakistan to Shandur.**

The Prime Minister and her entourage landed in four Pumas at Shandur on June 27, 1990. Earlier in the morning on the personal request of the Chief Minister NWFP, I had sent AKF helicopter to fetch him from Peshawar. From Chitral, the Chief Minister transferred himself to the PM's Puma as Bell 412 could only land at Laspur below Shandur Pass. On return, the Chief Minister went to Islamabad with the Prime Minister.

The Chief Minister introduced me to the Prime Minister with whom I exchanged pleasantries. I also met Ministers Iftikhar Gilani and Qasim Shah besides Ambassadors of Federal Republic of Germany and Bangladesh.

Amongst the Federal Secretaries, I met Secretary Defence and Information. The Secretary to Prime Minister (Mr. U.A.G. Issani) whom I was not able to meet at Islamabad on June 13, was at Shandur. He had, as yet, not received the summary from EAD about the ODA grant for AKRSP. He promised to get the summary approved as and when it was received by him.

Mr. Iftikhar Gilani also asked me to see him at Islamabad as in reply to his request for aid to Kohat district to the American Ambassador, the latter had referred to the U.S. assistance being channelled to Kohat through SRSC. The American Ambassador had made special reference to AKRSP in catalyzing this initiative.

The polo compared to last year, was a much bigger affair and Gilgit beat the Chitralis hollow (15 goals to 3). The night stay at Shandur top, despite the most comfortable tent provided to me by the Frontier Corps, was cold. The atmosphere was polluted by the dust raised by the vehicles and the helicopters, unlike last year in the month of July. The litter left on the ground, would present a sorry spectacle of the beautiful pass for quite some time to come. However, that is what happens when nature comes in contact with human.