

**Shri Thirumala Rao:** Has the attention of Government been drawn to a communication published in the press that communist minded persons controlling the organisation have made it hard for this gentleman to continue for long in that job? If the attention of Government has been drawn to it, what action has Government taken on it? Have they verified the truth of these allegations?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** This is the first time that I have heard about it.

**Shri Thirumala Rao:** I could not follow the answer.

**Mr. Speaker:** This is the first time that the Minister has heard of this accusation.

**Shri Thirumala Rao:** Is there any machinery with Government to understand what the press is publishing about its departments?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Member wants an opinion about the information, and when he has not got it, he starts arguing.

**Shri Hem Barua:** Is it not a fact that this gentleman was appointed as secretary of this Akademi, and when he came he was offered a special this officer's job in the Akademi to work out plans? Was it because the Ministry did not approve of it or was it because the Ministry did not know of it that this man was invited all the way from Paris and then insulted and humiliated and turned out of office?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. All these inferences and arguments are not necessary. The answer has been given already that the Ministry was not consulted.

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I submit that.....

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order.

**Shri Hem Barua:** On a point of information. The trouble is that this very fact has got very wide publicity.

**Mr. Speaker:** I know that, but the trouble is that the hon. Member puts

his question in such a manner that it is difficult to allow it to be answered.....

**Shri Hem Barua:** We have apprehensions that there is something rotten in the State of Denmark. That was why I wanted to know.

**Mr. Speaker:** It must be so. Sometimes, I might agree with the hon. Member. Now, Shri Joachim Alva.

**Shri Hem Barua:** The hon. Minister owes an explanation to this House.

**Mr. Speaker:** Now, I have called Shri Joachim Alva.

**Shri Joachim Alva:** Why are the affairs of this Akademi in such a bad condition? In the first place, we had a lady secretary who got into trouble; then, they wanted to appoint someone, and he was kicked off. May I know why Government cannot take a very serious view of the affairs of this Akademi in the sense of having an annual audit of accounts and appointing a very capable secretary who is *au fait* with cultural affairs?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is a suggestion for action.

**Shri Joachim Alva:** No, Sir. I wanted to know.....

**Mr. Speaker:** Now, next question.

#### Manufacture of Avro-748

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**Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:**  
**Shri Raghunath Singh:**  
**Shri Basumatari:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the further progress that has been made with regard to manufacture of AVRO-748 in Kanpur;

(b) the number of aircrafts likely to be manufactured in 1962;

(c) whether some British technicians are still in Kanpur; and

(d) the number of such technicians?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):** (a) and (b). Work on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th AVRO-748 aircraft is progressing satisfactorily. It is expected that the second aircraft will fly this year and the third and fourth aircraft will be near completion.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) Four.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** May I know whether production will start in full swing in 1962 itself?

**Shri Krishna Menon:** Production is never in full swing. It is progressive.

**Shri Nambiar:** When will the maximum be reached?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. He was not allowed to put a question

**Shri Hem Barua:** Is it a fact that recently negotiations were conducted with the Hawker Siddeley group for the manufacture of Avro 748, Series II? If so, may I know what is the outcome of the discussion?

**Shri Krishna Menon:** The agreement with the manufacturers for general manufacture of aircraft is not only for one particular type. There are several progressive types. The team now in England is negotiating with the manufacturers in regard to further models, various versions. That is probably what the hon. Member is referring to.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** Is it not a fact that a team has gone abroad to exhibit this aircraft in order to get orders for them from some of the countries?

**Shri Krishna Menon:** That is altogether another team. We do not call it a team. The airmen who pilot

this aircraft took the aircraft to Indonesia and from there to Cambodia, Burma and Malaya and have come back. They are flight demonstrations at the request of the Governments concerned. Under our manufacturing agreement, it is open to us to sell them if we can.

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** May I know whether Indian technicians are fully versed in the manufacture of this aircraft now and also whether it is used for both defence and civil purposes?

**Shri Krishna Menon:** Indian technicians made them. They have come up to expectations. So they may be considered to be well versed.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know the percentage of parts that are being manufactured in our country?

**Shri Krishna Menon:** That does not come under this question. I want notice.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Has the team which has taken the aircraft for demonstration purposes to Indonesia and other countries done so of our own accord or at the invitation of those countries?

**Shri Krishna Menon:** It was in answer to the pressing invitation of these Governments.

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** What is the present installed capacity of manufacture of this aircraft in Kanpur and what is the rate of manufacture now?

**Shri Krishna Menon:** As I said, there are possibilities, at the present moment, of producing three aircraft at a time. How long each one of them will take to build depends upon the progress of production. On the whole, I think, the present arrangements are to produce 12 a year.

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**Shri Rameshwar Tantla:**

**Shri D. C. Sharma:**

**Shri Yashpal Singh:**

**Shri Bibbuti Mishra:**

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