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MIG Aircraft Factory

S.N.Q. 7. Shri G. H. Deshpande: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrangements have been completed for the establishment of the factories for the manufacture of MIG Aircraft;

(b) whether the location of the two factories for the manufacture of the airframes and the aero-engines has been decided upon; and

(c) the year in which the MIG of Indian manufacture is likely to be available?

The Minister of Defence Production (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) and (b). It is proposed to set up two units, one for the manufacture of the airframe and connected equipment and the other for the manufacture of the engines. A survey of suitable sites was made and it is proposed to locate one unit in Maharashtra State and the other unit in Orissa State. The matter is under discussion with the State Governments.

(c) It is too early to say when the first MIG of Indian manufacture will become available.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Is this factory to be set up in collaboration with the Soviet Russian Government, and if so, what are the terms and conditions of collaboration?

Shri Raghuramaiah: It has been stated on the floor of the House on a number of occasions that this will be in collaboration with the Soviet Government. May I hope that the House will give me the indulgence to say that it may not be quite desirable to state all the detailed parts of this agreement just at this moment?

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: My question was.....

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Minister has stated that those conditions for collaboration cannot be disclosed just at this moment.

श्री राम सेवक यादव: मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या वह काम शुरू हो गया है, या जिस तरह से दिसम्बर के पहले हफ्ते में मिग विमान आने की बात कही गयी थी उसी तरह से यह मामला आगे चला जायेगा ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह तो इनफॉर्मेशन की बात है ।

प्रधान मंत्री तथा वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री तथा अनु शक्ति मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : एक मानी में यह कहा जा सकता है कि काम शुरू हो गया है । जमीन वगैरह देखी गयी और चुनी गयी, इस किस्म के काम तो हो रहे हैं । माननीय सदस्य ने जो दिसम्बर के पहले हफ्ते की बात कही, तो ऐसी कोई चर्चा नहीं हुई थी ।

श्री राम सेवक यादव : प्रधान मंत्री जी ने कहा कि वह चर्चा नहीं हुई थी । मैं निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि यहाँ यह कहा गया था कि दिसम्बर के पहले हफ्ते में मिग विमान आना शुरू होगा ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह दूसरा मवाल है ।

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know the reasons why these two units that are likely to be set up are going to be set up in these two places where there are no arrangements? Why not in Kanpur or in Bangalore?

Mr. Speaker: Shri Hem Barua.

Shri Raghuramaiah rose—

Mr. Speaker: I have not allowed that question. Now, Shri Hem Barua.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that very lately Tass and Moscow Radio are mounting an attack on India, particularly on US military help to India, may I know whether these latest repercussions in Soviet

Russia are going to affect this deal about the setting up of the factories or delay it for some time?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: How can I say about that?

Mr. Speaker: The Prime Minister has already made a statement. Shri Tyagi.

श्री त्यागी : एच० ए० एल० फैक्टरी में जो मुपरमोनिक का प्रोटोटाइप तैयार हुआ था और वह फ्लाइट वर्गह में सक्सेसफुल हो गया तो क्या उस का बनाना छोड़ दिया गया है या साथ साथ चलेगा ?

Shri Raghuramaiah: The project is going on. The second prototype has been got ready sometime back.

12.11 hrs.

STATEMENT ON VISIT TO ASSAM AND OTHER MATTERS

The Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Sir, I should like to make a brief statement with regard to my visit to Tezpur and other parts of Assam in the last two days.

First of all, if I may say so, I found both our Army and the people of Assam in very good heart. Yesterday morning, the wounded prisoners, whom the Chinese had returned in the course of the night before last, arrived. It was a long journey for them by road. With our Red Cross people, they arrived at 5 A.M. yesterday in the hospital at Tezpur. I saw them a little later. They were tired after their long journey. Some are seriously wounded; some are less seriously wounded. In the course of yesterday, they were all brought to Delhi. They are in the Delhi hospital now.

Hon. Members have often asked questions about the Chinese withdrawals. I cannot give them any definite information yet. Broadly, news comes to us which is not precise that

in the rear they are withdrawing and from some other points they have withdrawn. But they were still there in the main areas till yesterday, that is to say, it is obvious that this handing over of the wounded prisoners took place at Bomdi La which is one of the front areas. They were there then. But there are some indications that they are withdrawing from various places. More definitely, I cannot say; we have to wait and see.

There are a number of call attention and other notices. I do not know if you have admitted them.

Mr. Speaker: I only sent them on to you so that when you reply to the debate on the cease-fire, you may answer them. That is all.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Yes. If you will permit me, I shall very briefly say one or two words. There is nothing very much to be said.

There are a number of notices about the reported news of the closure of Indian consulates in Lhasa and Shanghai. That is true. For some time past, we have been thinking of that, and our staff has been gradually moving away from there. Now, finally, they have been closed, and the Chinese authorities have been asked to close their consulates in India—in Calcutta and, I think, Bombay. We have fixed the 15th December for the final closure on both sides of these consulates.

I have stated previously that on the day after the cease-fire announcement, and two days and three days after, there were some incidents of firing by the Chinese soldiers on some of our forces or troops, mostly those who were returning, stragglers and others. I might mention that the process of these people coming back has continued, and it has been much expedited by our air force, helicopters going and tracing them and bringing them back if they are wounded, and otherwise also helping them to come back. Every day some