

**Indian Army Personnel Captured in Katanga**

\*386. { **Shri Bishanchander Seth:**  
           **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six Indian Army personnel were captured among others by the Katangese forces after forcing down a U.N. helicopter in Congo recently;

(b) if so, how many of them have been released; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that one Indian soldier was killed?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan):** (a) to (c). The Katangese forces fired upon a U.N. helicopter on 24th December, 1962 and captured two officers and two NCOs belonging to Indian Independent Brigade Group. 2/Lt. Sarup Singh Kang (IC-12711), who was seriously wounded, died while being operated on in a Katangese civil hospital. All other captured personnel were released on the same day.

**Economy of Assam**

\*387. { **Shri J. B. S. Bist:**  
           **Shri P. C. Borooah:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a result of discussions between the representatives of the Union Government and the Assam Government any special plan has been framed to strengthen the economy of Assam by establishing defence industries there; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah):** (a) and (b). A request has been received from the Assam Government that some Industrial Units may be established in

Assam State to meet the defence requirements. The matter is under consideration.

**Conference on Peaceful uses of Atomic Energy**

\*388. { **Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
           **Shri Bishanchander Seth:**

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has been invited to attend the conference to be held at Tokyo in March, 1963 to promote the peaceful uses of atomic energy; and

(b) if so, whether India has accepted the invitation?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh):** (a) Yes.

(b) The invitation is under consideration.

**Manufacture of Defence Materials in Railway Workshops**

\*390. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased state:

(a) whether Government have considered the feasibility and desirability of manufacturing certain defence materials in Railway Workshops; and

(b) whether any Railway Workshops were used for such manufacture during the Second World War?

**The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah):** (a) and (b). A reheve been held with the Railway authorities as a result of which certain orders for tools jigs & gauges needed for armament production have been placed on railway workshops. In addition the railways have also undertaken to manufacture components of ammunition. Railway Work-