

the five year period as a whole and no separate annual target was fixed for 1961-62.

(b) The rise in national income during 1961-62 was low due mainly to (i) slight fall in agricultural output as compared to the previous year because of the adverse weather conditions, and (ii) the slower rates of growth in the main items of industrial output during the year.

#### Engines for Supersonic Jet Fighter Aircraft

\*241. { Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) how far the Hindustan Aircraft Limited, Bangalore have been successful in their venture to make an engine suited to supersonic fighter aircraft; and

(b) when it is likely to accomplish its object and complete the first engine?

**The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramiah):** (a) Hindustan Aircraft Limited, Bangalore is now engaged in the manufacture of Orpheus 703 engines which power the aircraft HF-24 Mk-I. The Government have also concluded an agreement with the Soviet Authorities for the supply of a few engines initially and for their manufacture in India for powering the Mk-II version of HF-24.

(b) A few Orpheus 703 engines have already been made at HAL. The supply of the Russian engines is due by the end of 1963. Their manufacture in India will be taken up in 1964.

#### Payment of Interim Relief by TISCO and IISCO

\*242. { Shri S. M. Bamerjee:  
Shri Daji:  
Shri Indrajit Gupta:  
Shri Mohammad Elias.

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether TISCO and IISCO have paid the interim relief as recommended by the Iron and Steel Wage Board to the workers;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) steps Government propose to take in this matter?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri E. K. Malviya):** (a) and (b). Implementation is reported to be held up for want of clarification of some points in regard to implementation of the Board's recommendations.

(c) The points raised by the parties have been referred to the Wage Board for clarification.

#### Loss due to Chinese Aggression

\*243. { Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:  
Shri Kappen:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated value in rupees of our military equipment and stores including food and clothing lost to the Chinese during the recent aggression by Chinese on the Himalayan frontier; and

(b) the value of such equipment which has been returned to India?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan):** (a) The information is still incomplete. The total of losses suffered is estimated at roughly Rs. 4.01 crores on the basis of material so far available.

(b) Approximately Rs. 50 lakhs.