

Shri Raghuramaiah: It was considered more feasible to bring them by sea, I understand.

श्री बागड़ी : क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि अमली तौर पर यह लड़ाकू जहाज कब तक उड़ सकेंगे ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : बनने के बाद ही उड़ेंगे ।

श्री बागड़ी : कब तक ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यही तो पूछा जा रहा है कि कब बनेंगे । फैंकट्री लग रही है ।

श्री बागड़ी : सन् १९६५ के अन्दर तैयारी की बात है । मैं कहता हूँ कि अमल के अन्दर उड़ने के काबिल कब हो जायेंगे ।

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : जाहिर है कि जब सब तैयारी हो जावगी और बन जायेंगे तो उड़ेंगे भी ।

श्री बागड़ी : कांग्रेस सरकार की मौजूदगी में यह काम होगा या नहीं ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आर्डर, आर्डर ।

Gliders

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Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:
Shri Basumatari:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first glider manufactured by the Indian Air Force was successfully launched;

(b) if so, the nature of service that will be rendered by the glider; and

(c) the number of gliders to be manufactured every year?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gliders are being manufactured for National Cadet Corps to make the Cadets air-minded.

(c) It is expected to achieve the production rate of 5 gliders per month in the near future.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि सिविल ट्रेनिंग परपज के लिये यह ग्लाइडर इस्तेमाल किये जायेंगे ?

Shri Raghuramaiah: At the present moment, we are carrying out the Air Force orders. We shall certainly be happy to manufacture any gliders required by the civilian sector provided priority is given to our own requirements.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : अब तक कितने ग्लाइडर तयार हो चुके हैं ?

Shri Raghuramaiah: We have so far completed 25 gliders.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know whether the total requirements of our National Cadet Corps and of our civilian population in this matter will be met by this company and, if so, how long will it take for this concern to be able to supply all the needs of the country in both the fields?

Shri Raghuramaiah: I have not got with me any assessment of the total national requirements. I understand there are some other concerns of our own which are also manufacturing gliders. Whatever capacity we have, we shall certainly use to the fullest extent.

Shri Firodia: What is the price of this glider?

Shri Raghuramaiah: As in the case of many other items of a similar nature, since production has started only in May, it will take a little time to find it because all the costs have to be amortised over a certain number. I think it will be possible to arrive at some figure towards the end of the year.