

(b) and (c). The terms of reference and the composition are in the process of being finalised.

Wage Board for Port and Dock Workers

*79. { Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Kolla Venkaiah:

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

(a) whether the composition and terms of reference of the proposed wage board for port and dock workers have been finalised; and

(b) whether the board's scope will include employees under all port trusts, port administrators, stevedores, as well as those directly employed by dock labour boards?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri R. K. Malviya): (a) and (b). Proposals in regard to the composition, terms of reference and coverage of the proposed wage board for port and dock workers, are under consideration. Decisions on these are expected to be taken shortly.

U.S. Collaboration for Supersonics

*80. { Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Dhaon:
Dr. P. N. Khan:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Maheswar Nalk:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:
Shri Shinkre:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been reached with the U.S.A. Government for the manufacture of supersonic jet fighters in India;

(b) if so, the main features of the agreement; and

(c) where the factory will be located and when the production will begin?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Newsprint

*81. { Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Dhaon:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Gokaran Prasad:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating a comprehensive scheme on newsprint policy;

(b) if so, what are the main points; and

(c) when it is likely to be announced?

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Satya Narayan Sinha): (a) The question of formulating a comprehensive scheme on newsprint policy is under consideration.

(b) and (c). The scheme will be announced as soon as it is finalised.

Defence Plan

*82. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Dhaon:
Shri Yallamanda Reddy:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether a defence plan has been prepared for building up the