

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh):** The Government of India have given full support to the Geneva Agreement. They have fully co-operated, and will continue to co-operate, with other countries of the 1962 Geneva Conference in the initiatives taken to help achieve a peaceful settlement of the Laotian crisis. They have also supported the proposal for the convening of the 14-Nation Geneva Conference on Laos.

India's responsibilities as Chairman of the Commission for Supervision and Control in Laos have been defined by the protocol of the 1962 Geneva Conference on the settlement of the Laotian Question. They have scrupulously avoided any interference in the internal affairs of Laos. Bearing this in mind the Indian Representative on the International Commission collaborated in the efforts of the Commission to bring about a resumption of co-operative contacts among the Laotian parties. The leaders of the three parties are now in Paris and it is hoped that their talks will lead to an agreement which will pave the way for a 14-Nation Conference on Laos.

#### H. F.—24 Jet

- Shri Tridib Kumar  
Chaudhuri:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri Hakim Chand  
Kachhavaia:  
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:  
\*159. { Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:  
Shri B. N. Kureel:  
Shri Brij Raj Singh Kotah:  
Shri M. S. Murti:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Koya:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had invited experts from U. S. Air Force's Research and Development Centre as well as representatives of the British Rolls-Royce Company for assisting Indian engineers at Hindustan Aircraft Ltd., Bangalore in selecting an engine to power H. F.—24 Jet;

(b) whether it is also a fact that besides U. S. and British made Jet engines, negotiations are also under way for a U. A. R. made engine to power the H. F.—24 Jet; and

(c) when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas):** (a) and (b). Yes Sir.

(c) A decision is expected to be taken shortly.

#### Coverage of Late Prime Minister's Funeral Procession

- Shri Indrajit Gupta:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Bade:  
Shri Kapur Singh:  
Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
Shri A. K. Gopalan:  
\*160. { Shri Nambiar:  
Shri Imblichbava:  
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:  
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:  
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:  
Shri K. N. Tiwary:  
Shri Basappa:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to serious lapses and political bias in the coverage of Pandit Nehru's death and funeral by All-India Radio and the Central Films Division;

(b) if so, whether any departmental enquiry has been held into the matter; and

(c) the result thereof?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shri C. R. Pattabhai Raman):** (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3107/64].

(b) The necessity for any departmental enquiry has not been felt.

(c) Does not arise.