

from tank No. 41 it would be produced here.

Shri Kapur Singh: Is any evidence available with the Government to substantiate the impression that the Chinese are manufacturing tanks fitted with nuclear artillery, and if so, are the tanks which we are going to construct, capable of meeting such a situation?

Shri A. M. Thomas: We have no information that the tanks manufactured there are fitted with nuclear artillery.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Always ill-informed.

Manufacture of Jets with U.A.R. Collaboration

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Shri Surendra Pal Singh:

Shri D. C. Sharma:

Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

Shri P. C. Borooah:

Shri D. N. Tiwary:

Shri R. S. Pandey:

Maharajkumar Vijaya

Ananda:

Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Shri Indrajit Gupta:

Shri Daji:

Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Shri P. K. Deo:

Shri Narasimha Reddy:

Shri B. Barua:

Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Shri L. N. Bhanja Deo:

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Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some teams of experts from the United Arab Republic visited this country in December, 1964 with a view to examining the feasibility of linking India's H.F. 24 project with supersonic aircraft engine now being developed in their own country; and

(b) if so, the result of the talks held between the U.A.R. Teams and the Government of India in this regard?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes, Sir. A team consisting of engineer officers from UAR were in India for a fortnight during December-January last to study the characteristics and performance of H.F.-24 aircraft.

(b) The studies have not yet been completed. Discussions with UAR authorities will be taken up after the technical studies have been completed.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: Once the terms of collaboration had been finalised between India and the UAR, may I know if these engines would be manufactured in India or in UAR?

Shri A. M. Thomas: All these things have still to be finalised. Technical studies are going on.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: Apart from this proposal of collaboration with the UAR, have any efforts been made to procure engines from some other country or countries?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Only after the disposal of this proposal with the UAR we can consider other things. Now, the UAR proposal is under consideration.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Has the Government worked out the total financial investment that is likely to be involved in the joint venture?

Shri A. M. Thomas: That is still to be worked out.

श्री डा० ना० लिबारी : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि जो टीम विजिट कर के गई है उस ने स्थान का चुनाव भी कर लिया है जहाँ पर यह फैक्ट्री लगेगी या केवल टेकनिकल कोऑपरेशन की बात उस से हुई है।

Shri A. M. Thomas: There is no question of selection of any site. We are already having the HF 24 project in Bangalore.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know when this survey is going to be

finalised and whether all the other aspects of this project had been discussed and finalised?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The UAR fact finding delegation came to India in the first half of last January and they asked some questions and we have answered them. We have sent the report. It is for the UAR Government to proceed further in the matter.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: Is it not a fact that this collaboration attempt with the UAR has been necessiated by the fact that the original scheme which was to equip HF 24 with Orpheus B II English supersonic engine broke down and may I know what were the reasons for the breakdown of these negotiations with the British manufacturers?

Shri A. M. Thomas: There have been two other proposals, one from the Rolls Royce and the other, the Sidelavs. The proposal under consideration is only the UAR proposal...

Shri Indrajit Gupta: My question is not answered, he is avoiding a reply to my question. Originally this House was told that the HF 24 has to be powered with supersonic engine, Orpheus B 12 turbo jet. Why have those negotiations broken down?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The Rolls Royce was considered, we thought that the Rolls Royce would not be suitable to our HF 24 air frame. There was also a proposal to fit RD 9 Engine of the Soviet Union and that was also found not suitable to Mach II speed, and so that was also dropped.

Shri R. S. Pandey: Apart from UAR collaboration what are the other countries with whom we are negotiating for supersonic engines?

Shri A. M. Thomas: We are not negotiating with any other countries.

Shrimati Sharda Mukerjee: Is it not a fact that the air frame was designed and constructed almost seven years ago and in all these seven years, Government has not been able

to determine what engine should be fitted in it?

Shri A. M. Thomas: With regard to the manufacture of HF 24, Mach I, it is proceeding; that would be a suitable ground aircraft fighter. With regard to Mach II speed, we have to develop the engine.

Shrimati Sharda Mukerjee: What is the answer?

Mr. Speaker: The Minister is so near her that she can know it afterwards.

श्री श्रोकलर लाल बेरवा : मैं यह जानना चाहूंगा कि यह जो बातचीत हुई है, क्या इसमें कोई शर्त रखी गई है ?

Shri A. M. Thomas: There is no question of any condition. We have entered into an agreement with Egypt which has among other things proved that we would be interested in their engines and that they would be interested in our airframe so that it would be more or less a reciprocal arrangement. We have to go further in pursuance of that agreement.

Prevention of Dissemination of Nuclear Weapons

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Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:
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Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Himatsingka:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has taken any initiative in the United Nations or outside to prevent the dissemination of nuclear weapons;

(b) if so, the nature thereof; and