

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Our information is that the economic exchanges between China and these countries do not involve items which would directly contribute to China's war potential. Since these, however, would lead to the strengthening of China's heavy industrial potential, the Government are maintaining a watch and in cases where it is felt that it would strengthen China's military potential, our views have been made known to the countries concerned.

Review of India's Defence in view of Chinese Nuclear Explosion

- *19. **Shri Yashpal Singh:**
Shri Bagri:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Kishen Pattanayak:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri Maurya:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the three Service Chiefs to review India's defence following the nuclear explosion by China;

(b) if so, their recommendations; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken thereon?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is still under consideration of the Chiefs of Staff Committee.

(c) Does not arise.

Conscription to Armed Forces

- *20. **Shri Linga Reddy:**
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

Shri Madhu Limaye:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 104 on the 21st February, 1966 and state:

(a) the progress made towards the implementation of the scheme for selective conscription in the country; and

(b) the difficulties that come in the way of compulsory conscription of all able-bodied adults in view of the Sino-Pakistani threatening and collusive attitude and war preparations?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) The scheme is still under consideration at the expert level.

(b) The present scheme under consideration being a limited one, consideration of difficulties in the way of compulsory conscription does not arise at this stage.

Bifurcation of Navy into two Commands

- *21. **Shri A. S. Alva:**
Shri M. K. Kumaran:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bifurcate the Navy into two commands, one for the East Coast and the other for the West Coast;

(b) if so, whether the details have been worked out and the location of the respective commands contemplated; and

(c) whether such bifurcation will be conducive to the better management of the Navy and increase its efficiency?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) to (c). The Navy is already divided into three commands under Operational Control Authorities who are responsible for all Naval operations in their respective areas of

sea jurisdiction. The principal units of the Navy are, however, organised as one Indian Fleet. Government are engaged in the task of modernising and building up of the Navy to enable it to play its role in the defence of the country and the Navy may have to operate both in the Bay of Bengal and in the Arabian Sea.

एच० एफ० 24 जेट विमानों का निर्माण

*22. श्री विभूति मिश्र :

- श्री क० ना० तिवारी :
 श्री विश्वनाथ पाण्डेय :
 श्री बागड़ी :
 डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया :
 श्री मोर्य :
 श्री मन्नु लिंगेय :
 श्री किशन पटनायक :
 श्री रामसेवक यादव :
 श्री प्र० चं० बहारा :
 श्री सुरेन्द्रपाल सिंह :

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत और संयुक्त अरब गणराज्य ने दोनों देशों के बीच हुए समझौते के अन्तर्गत एच० एफ० 24 विमानों का निर्माण आरम्भ कर दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो समझौते की मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ;

(ग) क्या इस समझौते के अन्तर्गत भारतीय इंजीनियरों का एक दल हाल में काहिरा गया था ; और

(घ) जेट विमानों के निर्माण के सम्बन्ध में कितनी प्रगति हुई है और पहला विमान कब तक बन कर तैयार हो जायेगा ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री एच० म० धामस) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) तथा (घ). जी नहीं । यू० ए० आर० में विकसित इंजन युक्त एच० एफ० 24 का एक आदिकून यू० ए० आर० में परीक्षण उड़ान के लिये भेजा गया है । निर्माण का प्रश्न विचारार्थ तमो उठेगा जब परीक्षण उड़ानें सम्पूर्ण हो गईं ।

A.I.R. News Bulletins

*23. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Programme Advisory Committee at its meeting held on the 12th April, 1966 recommended an improvement in the pattern of A.I.R. News-Bulletins to make them 'Brighter and Better';

(b) if so, the broad lines on which the bulletins were proposed to be improved and patterned; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in that direction?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir. Some members were of the view that the news broadcasts by A.I.R. were dull and suggested an improvement in their form and content.

(b) and (c). Continuous efforts are made to exclude routine news or news of dull nature as far as possible. Also, consistent with national interest, the news spectrum is constantly widened so as to include news of greater interest and variety. Special attention is being paid to the drafting of news stories so as to make them brief, complete and balanced. As explained to the members of the Central Programme Advisory Committee, A.I.R. has to select news that is available to it from the various sources at any given time. All news-worthy items find their due place in its bulletins.

Agreement with Burma re: Assets of Indians in Burma

*24. Shri Kindar Lal:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: