

the foreign exchange component of the Madras Atomic Power Station;

(b) if so, the source from which the required foreign exchange will be available and the terms in brief; and

(c) whether the total capital expenditure for the station and its foreign exchange component have been re-assessed after devaluation?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) and (b). While no foreign credit is so far available for this project, in view of its high priority and importance we are investigating the possibilities of setting it up without relying on any particular country for assistance.

(c) Yes, Sir. The foreign exchange component is estimated to be Rs. 29 crores post devaluation.

Supply of Military Equipment to Pakistan

***143. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) what further acquisition of military equipment has been made by Pakistan since the statement made by him in the last Session; and

(b) what has been the reaction and result of Government's protest to U.S.A., Canada, Germany and Iran?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) In addition to the supplies of the order mentioned by the Defence Minister on 8th August, Pakistan is reported to have procured over 200 anti-aircraft guns and other miscellaneous equipment and placed an order with France for three submarines.

(b) U.S.A. has reaffirmed its policy to sell only non-lethal equipment to India and Pakistan. Most of the F-86 aircraft received in Pakistan have

gone back to Iran and there have been no further sales of F-86 aircraft.

Visit of Deputy Foreign Minister of USSR

***144. Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Bagri:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:**

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S.S.R. Deputy Foreign Minister visited India in September, 1966;

(b) the nature of discussions held with him; and

(c) the nature of decisions arrived at?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir. Mr. N. P. Firyubin, Deputy Foreign Minister of the U.S.S.R. visited India from 22nd to 25th September, 1966.

(b) The discussions held with Mr. Firyubin covered important international issues and Indo-Soviet relations.

(c) The discussions were only for mutual exchange of views of the two Governments on various issues. The question of any decisions, therefore, does not arise.

Rajasthan Power Project

***145. Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Dr. M. M. Das:**

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of construction of the Rajasthan Power project is much behind the schedule;

(b) if so, to what extent and when it is likely to be completed; and