ed of 14 Member States to recommend practical means for the administration etc. of South West Africa till the territory attains independence.

Statement of former Foreign Minister of Pakistan

*266. Shri P. C. Borooah; Shri D. C. Sharma;

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported statement of the former Foreign Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Z. A. Bhutto, claiming parts of Assam and Tripura for Pakistan:
- (b) if so, whether Government have received any official claim in that regard; and
- (c) the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (a) Govern-(Shri M. C. Chagla): ment have seen items to the effect that Mr. Z. A. Bhutto, former Foreign Minister of Pakistan, made a speech at London before а gathering of Pakistan Students' Federation in Great Britain on 13th August, 1966. in which he reportedly mentioned, inter alia that Pakistan has rights in eastern parts of Pakistan on northern border which he will spell out in detail one day.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. Government cannot give too much attention to wild and fantastic claims of this nature made by persons not in office.

HF-24 Jets

*267. Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Dr. P. N. Khan:
Dr. M. M. Das:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shrimati Vimla Devi:
Shri Bagri:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
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Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Shri Indrajit Gupta: Shri Madhu Limaye: Shri Nath Pai: Shri Sudrendranath Dwivedy: Shri Hem Barua;

Shri Hari Vishny Kamath:

Shri Utiva:

Shri Ramachandra Mallick:

Shri Sudhansu Das:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 22 on the 25th July, 1966 and state:

- (a) the outcome of the flight tests carried out by the U.A.R. experts on the HF-24 prototype airframe;
- (b) whether the tests have been successful; and
- (c) if so, the prospects of the two countries joining hands and making a complete success of this venture?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas):
(a) and (b). Initial ground tests on HF-24 aircraft with the UAR E. 300 engine have been carried out. As a result some development work on the engine/airframe combination became necessary. Further ground and flight tests are expected to be carried out shortly.

(c) Further steps for collaboration between UAR and India would be considered on the successful completion of flight tests.

Scheme for Asian Unity and Development

•268. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Shri Hem Barua:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2904 on the 22nd August, 1966 and state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme of Asian Unity and Development for eradicating poverty and communicated the same to other Asian Countries threatened by Chinese expansionism;