

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopaldaswami): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). It is not in the public interest to disclose details of this nature in the case of this factory.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether there was any complaint that the foreign engineers who are working in that factory are not allowing the Indian Engineers under them to construct all the parts for the Vampires there so that they may be assembled here?

Shri Gopaldaswami: I am aware of no such complaint.

Shri Nambiar: May I know whether there is any possibility of an Indian aeroplane being built cent. per cent. in that factory, in the near future?

Shri Gopaldaswami: We hope to be able to produce one such as soon as possible.

Shri Nambiar: How many years will it take?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order; as soon as possible.

Shri Hukam Singh: Is it a fact that the only proto-type HT 2 built in this factory crashed in its test flight?

Shri Gopaldaswami: I remember to have read something like that in the newspapers; I have not got any official information just now at my disposal.

Shri Veeraswamy: May I know the scale of pay for the foreign engineers in this factory?

Shri Gopaldaswami: I have already said that it is not in the public interest to give that information.

सेठ अचल सिंह : क्या मन्त्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि पिछले वर्ष में कितने जेट प्रोपेलर्स तैयार हुए हैं ।

[Seth Achal Singh: Would the hon. Minister kindly state the number of jet-propelled planes produced during the last year?]

Shri Gopaldaswami: I am sorry, Sir, I cannot give that information.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether Government have enquired if all parts of the vampires can be made in the Hindustan Aircraft Factory?

Shri Gopaldaswami: Of course, not at present.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO NEPALI STUDENTS

***272. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scholarships have been awarded to Nepali students for prosecuting higher studies in India;

(b) if so, how many;

(c) what are the courses of their studies; and

(d) what is the amount of each scholarship?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Yes.

(b) 8, since 1949.

(c) M.B.B.S.—three.

Electrical Engineering—two.

M.Sc. (Statistics)—one.

M.Sc. (Chemistry)—one.

M.A.—one.

(d) Rs. 200 per month. In addition tuition, examination and capitation fees, if any, are also paid by the Government direct to the Institution of study.

AIRCRAFT CARRIER

***273. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) when India would be able to acquire her first aircraft carrier; and

(b) whether India possesses the technical personnel necessary for manning her?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopaldaswami): (a) No firm date can yet be given.

(b) Not yet.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know how the Government propose to get the aircraft technical personnel trained?

Shri Gopaldaswami: We have made a start on the establishment of a Fleet Requirement unit at Cochin to train skilled personnel and will equip them for the purpose so as to be available for utilisation in as short a time as possible.