

Cairo towards the end of September last with a view to holding discussions with the U.A.R. Government for securing suitable aero engines for our HF-24 fighters; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An agreement was signed between the Governments of India and United Arab Republic on 28th September, 1964 agreeing in principle to collaborate for the development of a supersonic fighter aircraft in India and a suitable power plant in U.A.R. Further studies and discussions to finalise details are likely to be held soon.

Foreign Dignities Due to Visit India

650. { **Shri Yashpal Singh:**
Shri Naval Prabhakar:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the names of foreign dignitaries who are likely to visit India in the near future; and

(b) whether any of them will be in India to watch the Republic Day parade in January, 1965?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh):

- (a) (i) Crown Prince — 17th Novem-
and Prime ber to 1st
Minister of December,
Kuwait. 1964.
- (ii) The Pope. — 2nd to 5th
December,
1964.
- (iii) The Prime — 8th to 16th
Minister of February,
France. 1965.
- (iv) The President — 12th to 22nd
of Finland. February,
1965.

(b) The President of Guinea and Chief Minister of Mauritius are likely to be in Delhi to witness the Republic Day Parade.

Arms Aid to Nepal

651. { **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri Utiya:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Arms supplies to Nepal have been converted into aid; and

(b) if so, the nature of arms aid to Nepal?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) No.

(b) The question does not arise.

Gift of X-ray Plant to Nepal

652. { **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri Ram Sewak:
Shri P. G. Sen:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Defence has given a gift of X-Ray Plant to Nepal Ex-servicemen's Hospital at Pokhra; and

(b) if so, whether that plant will be utilised by only ex-servicemen or other people also?

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

(b) The X-Ray set has been presented to the Pensioners' Hospital at Pokhra which is mainly for Indian Army Gorkha Ex-Servicemen but is also open to other persons.