

AVRO-748 for Indian Air Force

5854. Shri Atam Das: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Aeronautics have bought five more Avro-748 Aircrafts for the Indian Air Force;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government will in future be purchasing such aircrafts from the foreign countries;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to set up factories in India for manufacturing such aircrafts; and

(d) if so, the location of the factories to be set up and the time by which they will start production?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). A factory for the manufacture of Avro-748 aircraft has already been set up at Kanpur. As this factory can meet the requirements of the Air Force and the IAC for this type of aircraft, it is not necessary to set up any more factories in the country for the manufacture of Avro-748 aircraft.

Society for Indian Technological Advancement

5855. Shri Namblar:
Shri Umanath:
Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:
Shri K. K. Nayanar:
Shri K. Anrudhan:
Shri Ganesh Ghosh:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Society for Indian Technological Advancement has been formed in the United States;

(b) if so, what are the aims and objects of this organisation;

(c) whether the society has received any grants from U.S. Voluntary Organisations; and

(d) if so, the amount received so far?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Society for Indian Technological Advancement is a non-profit, non-political organisation whose Members are mainly Indian professors working in various technical fields in the United States of America. The objectives of the Society are said to be to provide technical consultations to any Private Company or Organisation actively engaged in industrial or technical growth in India.

(c) and (d) No information is available about the financing of the Society.

Publicity Wing of External Affairs Ministry

5856. Shri Baburno Patel: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to improve the Publicity Wing of his Ministry;

(b) the number of such Publicity Units abroad as on the 31st March, 1967;

(c) the annual expenditure on these Publicity Units;

(d) the reasons for recruiting Information Officers on contract basis instead of absorbing them in the Indian Foreign Service; and

(e) the present total personnel engaged in foreign publicity and the annual emoluments paid to them?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Among the important steps taken recently are the extension of the teleprinter system to more Indian Missions abroad, increase in colour documentary and TV film production, and establishment of additional units of the Information Service of India. Other steps are under consideration to