U.N. Observers in Suez Canal Area

Written Answers

*1500. Shri Atam Das: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that U.A.R. has agreed to the U.N. request for posting U.N. Observers along Suez Canal;
- (b) if so, whether these Observers will be assisted by the U.N. Forces:
- (c) whether Government have received any request for posting an Indian military contingent there; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Surendra Pal Singh): (a) and (b). Both the U.A.R. and Israel have agreed to the stationing of U.N. Observers along the banks of the Suez Canal for the observation of the cease-fire. There is no proposal for the posting of U.N. Forces to assist the Observers.

- (c) No. Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

Atomic Power Stations

7284. Shri C. Chittybabu: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that three atomic power stations were proposed to be set up at Bombay, Rajasthan and Kalpakkam;
- (b) if so, whether these schemes were formulated on the requirement of power in the areas surrounding them;
- (c) whether it was originally planned to start all of them at the same time with foreign collaboration;
- (d) whether it is a fact that their capacity was proposed at 400 M.Watts;

- (e) if so, whether it is also a fact that while Bombay and Rajasthan stations are constructed with foreign collaboration and at 400 M.W., the Kalpakkam station is going to be constructed with capacity of 100 M.W. only and with Indian designs and Indian technicians; and
 - (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) Yes, Sir, at Tarapur (Maharashtra State), Rana Pratap Sagar (Rajasthan State) and Kalpakkam (Madras State).

- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) No, Sir. Foreign technical collaboration was not envisaged for the Madras Atomic Power Station.
- (d) to (f). The Tarapur Station was designed for 380 MWe. The Station at Rana Pratap Sagar originally included only one unit of 200 MWe. An additional unit of the same capacity was approved subesequently. The ultimate capacity of the Station at Kalpakkam approved by Government is 400 MWe comprising two 200 MWe units. The Station will be built in two phases, each unit being designed for a capacity of 200 MWe. With the experience gained by Indian scientists and engineers in the construction of atomic power stations at Tarapur and Rana Pratap Sagar, they are now in a position to design and build the station proposed at Kalpakkam and future power stations without foreign assistance.

Airmen Reservists called for Active Service

7285. Shri C. Chittybabu: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the airmen reservists who were called for active service in 1962 were compelled to pay for their uniforms;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that in other countries, the airmen are