

MANUFACTURE OF 12 BORE TRAP AND SKEET GUNS

2903. DR. KARNI SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the progress made at the Indian Ordnance Factories with regard to the manufacture of 12 bore trap and skeet guns superposed with ventilated ribs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): The possibilities of manufacturing these items will be investigated when spare capacity is available in Ordnance Factories. At present no spare capacity is available for this.

PRODUCTION IN HINDUSTAN AERONAUTICS LTD. BANGALORE

2904. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that production in the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. Bangalore has been stagnated due to production of articles of inferior quality; and

(b) if so, the extent of articles produced and lying unsold at present with them?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). No hold-up in the production at HAL has come to notice on account of production of items of inferior quality in HAL. It is, however, true that delivery of some Krishak aircraft has been held up on account of the delay in the receipt of an item of electronic equipment of the required standard from the suppliers.

BHARAT ELECTRONICS LTD., BANGALORE

2905. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present capacity of the production of the defence equipment at the Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore;

(b) whether any expansion scheme has been envisaged during this year; and

(c) if so, the broad outline thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): (a) to (c). The value of production of Defence equipment in Bharat Electronics Ltd. during 1966-67 was Rs. 7.10 crores. During 1967-68 this is proposed to be increased to about Rs. 11 crores. This will be achieved as a result of increase in the existing lines of production and by undertaking the production of new items of equipment. Bharat Electronics Ltd. has an Expansion Plan according to which by 1970-71 the production of the Equipment Division will rise to about Rs. 22 crores. The Company is also planning a new Satellite Factory to meet the urgent requirements of sophisticated radars and microwave equipment.

REGIONAL STATIONS OF ALL INDIA RADIO

2906. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any principles, which govern the location of regional stations of All India Radio have been laid down; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) and (b). The locations of regional stations of All India Radio are decided on considerations of population, language, culture, seat of administration, availability of talent etc., and factors like technical feasibility and economic viability. Occasionally departures have to be made to meet special political and security requirements.

CORRUPTION CHARGES AGAINST DEFENCE MINISTRY ESTABLISHMENT, CHANDIPORE

2907. SHRI S. KUNDU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3148 on the 21st June, 1967 and state:

(a) whether the enquiry conducted by the Central Bureau of Investigation into the charges of corruption in the Proof and Experimental Establishment of the Ministry