

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) There is strong disapproval among a number of African and other Commonwealth countries, including India, to the proposed British move to sell arms to South Africa. If the UK Government go ahead with this proposal, it is possible that some countries may not attend the Conference. It is, however, reported that the British Government have not yet taken a final decision.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Loss suffered by Fertiliser Plant at Barauni

843. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Fertilizer Plant at Barauni has been incurring a daily loss to the extent of rupees one lakh for the last few months;

(b) if so, the period for which the plant has been running heavy losses;

(c) the reasons therefor and the estimated loss suffered so far by the Plant; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS, AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). No; the plant is under construction.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

#### Film Produced by Mr. Louis Malle

844. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :  
SHRI MOLAHU PRASHAD :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the Press Report appearing in the *Hindustan Times* dated the 13th September, 1970 regarding denial by the French film maker Mr. Louis Malle of any undertaking given by him about censorship by the Indian authorities contradicting the statement made by the Deputy Minister for External Affairs in Parliament both regarding censorship and cuts effected by the French Government to the portions objected to by the Indian Government; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in regard thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). The reported statement of Louis Malle is not correct. There is nothing to add to what the Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs has already said on this point in the last session of Parliament.

#### Comments of Indian High Commissioner in London on A Film Directed by Mr. Louis Malle

845. SHRI M. H. GOWDA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government advised the Indian High Commissioner in London to attend a Press showing of a film produced by the French Film Director, Mr. Louis Malle;

(b) whether the Indian High Commissioner has forwarded his comments on this controversial film; and

(c) if so, whether a copy of his comments will be laid on the Table ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SHINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.