

1970 for supply of a self-propelled jack-up platform and the Contract was signed in February, 1971.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). Tenneco of USA made an offer in 1967 for joint venture in offshore exploration of the Bombay High area. [This offer, not being in accordance with Government policy of "assisted owner operation" was not pursued.

Raising the Number of Infantry Battalions in Indian Army

98. SHRI HARI SINGH : Will the RAKSHA MANTRI be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have proposed to raise the number of infantry battalions in Indian army; and

(b) if so, by what time the raising of battalions will be completed ?

RAKSHA MANTRI (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) and (b). It would be against the public interest, to disclose any information regarding this matter.

Reorganisation of Traffic Pattern in the Connaught Place, New Delhi

99. SHRI JADEJA : Will the NIRMAN AUR AWAS MANTRI be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been made by the Central Road Research Institute to reorganise the Traffic Pattern in Connaught Place Complex, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

NIRMAN AUR AWAS MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Visit by a Delegation of a Political Party to Korea

100. SHRI SAMAR GUHA : Will the VIDESH MANTRI be pleased to state :

(a) whether some members of a political party in India visited Korea in the year 1970 to establish political relations with the Communist Party of Korea; and

(b) if so, the result of the visit of the delegation to Korea by that party ?

VIDESH MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH):

(a) A CPM delegation composed of Sarvashri P. Sundarayya E. M. S. Namboodripad and Promode Dasgupta, visited Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea from June 16 to July 1, 1970 at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea.

(b) The delegation was received by DPRK leaders including the President of the National Assembly and Premier Kim Il Sung.

राजस्थान के श्रीगंगानगर जिले में अस्पतालों के निर्माण के लिए निधि

102. श्री पन्नालाल बाबूपाल : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजस्थान के श्रीगंगानगर जिले में अस्पतालों का निर्माण, और रोगियों की चिकित्सा करने हेतु आगामी पंचवर्षीय योजना में कितने धन की व्यवस्था करने का विचार है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि गंगानगर के मुख्य अस्पताल में इस समय 150 रोगियों के चिकित्सा की व्यवस्था है जबकि इस समय बहुत वास्तव में रोगियों की संख्या 250 से 300 तक बढ़ गई है; और

(ग) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार इस समस्या का समाधान करने हेतु राज्य सरकार को सहायता देगी ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री ए० के० किल्हू) : (क) और (ख). राज्य सरकार से जैसे की