

financial assistance for famine relief works; and

(b) if so, the amount of assistance sought and the decision taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) No such request was received from the Government of Kerala in 1971-72.

(b) Does not arise.

**Uniformity in Sainik School Scholarship Schemes of Defence and Home Ministries**

2846. SHRI M. M. JOSEPH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 3297 on the 28th June, 1971 and state the action taken by Government for removal of disparities between the Defence Ministry Scholarship Scheme and Home Ministry Scholarship Scheme for Sainik School Scholarships ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : The matter is still under consideration.

**Orders for Frigates with Mazagon Dock Ltd.**

2847. SHRI M. M. JOSEPH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Navy has placed orders with the Mazagon Dock Ltd., for three Leander class frigates;

(b) whether some frigates were also ordered earlier;

(c) if so, an account thereof; and

(d) the approximate amount to be spent in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The earlier orders were for three frigates. Thus, in all, six Frigates are now on order on Mazagon Dock Ltd.

(d) According to the present estimates of Mazagon Dock Ltd., the cost of construction of the 6 Frigates is likely to be about Rs. 130 crores.

**Purchase of Pistols by Officers of Ishapore Rifle Factory**

2848. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the particulars of the officers of the Ishapore Rifle Factory who succeed pistols (produced in this factory) at cheap prices in 1970 and 1971;

(b) the description of pistols purchased by each of these officers;

(c) the market price of the pistols purchased by each of the officers; and

(d) the prices at which these have been sold to them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) to (d). Since Pistols are not being produced at Rifle Factory Ishapore, the question of purchase of Pistols produced at that factory and other details in respect thereof, does not arise.

**Advance made by Scheduled Commercial Banks to Large, Medium and Small Scale Industries**

2849. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the state-wise advances made by the Scheduled Commercial Banks to large, medium, and small-scale industries as in June, 1968 and March 1971; and

(b) the number of large, medium and