

13. Government of Germany
14. German Aerospace Research Institute
15. National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA) of USA
16. Government of Russia
17. Ministry of Aerospace Industry, China
18. Swedish Board for Space Activities
19. Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Australia
20. General Organisation of Remote Sensing of Syria
21. Government of Mauritius
22. Government of United Kingdom
23. Government of Ukraine
24. Government of Brazil
25. Government of Chile

#### **Replacement of MIG Aircrafts**

2581. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Air Force has given up its plan to replace all four squadrons of the MIG-23 BN Aircraft with the more advanced MIG-27 Aircraft; and

(b) if so, the details thereof together with its likely impact on striking capabilities of IAF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The Government has decided to continue to use MIG-23 BN aircraft in IAF Sqn

Service by extending its life. The decision will not affect the striking capability of IAF.

#### **Joint Ventures**

2582. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:  
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWASI:  
SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:  
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his visit to the United States in May, 1994 some agreements were signed for setting up joint ventures in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which U.S. industrialists have agreed to invest in India during 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No agreements for joint ventures were signed at the official level during the visit of the Prime Minister to USA.

(b) and (c). In view of (a) above the question does not arise.

#### **Bio-Gas Plants**

2583. SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH:  
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWASI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: