

border outposts and observation post towers. The BSF, which guards the border, has also been equipped with additional vehicles, binoculars, twin telescopes, night vision devices and hand held search lights. Wire obstacles have been erected in the following stretches:—

Jammu	—	50 Km.
Punjab	—	112 Km.
Rajasthan	—	60 Km.

Talks with ULFA

351. SHRI YADVENDRA DATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to hold discussions with the leaders of the United Liberation Front of Assam in the near future;

(b) whether representative of various political parties will also be associated during such discussions;

(c) whether ULFA has made any offer for holding discussions with the Government with certain pre-conditions; and

(d) when the discussions are proposed to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d). The ULFA has not sent any communication addressed to the Government of India on the subject.

Delay in Finalisation of Eighth Plan

352. SHRI C.P. MUDALA
GIRIYAPPA:

SHRI C. SRINIVASAN:
SHRI PYARELAL
KHANDELWAL:
SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD
SHASTRI:
SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the finalisation of Eighth Plan is likely to be delayed due to the Gulf War;

(b) whether the Government are likely to lower the outlays of various sectors and refix the priorities due to the impact of the Gulf War on the economy; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to keep up the tempo of employment generation and production in the industrial and agricultural sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The exercises relating to the allocation of funds, sector-wise, for the Eighth Five Year Plan period are underway. On completion of the exercises, the details of the allocations .

Ordnance Factories in Jaunpur, Ghazipur Districts of U.P.

353. SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee that carried out a study of the four districts of eastern Uttar Pradesh in 1964 had recommended setting up one or two ordnance factories in the districts of Jaunpur, Ghazipur etc.;

(b) if so, the reasons for not locating