

(a) the projects envisaged under the newly created Southern Air Command in Trivandrum ;

(b) the operational jurisdiction of this Command, when fully set up ;

(c) the total estimated outlay, projected time span of implementation ;

(d) the present stage of implementation ; and

(e) whether Government propose to accord the highest priority to the scheme which is vital to the defence needs of the country and for the development of Kerala ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (e). Jurisdiction of the Southern Air Command covers the Southern Peninsula and the Island Territories of Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep. During the course of next few years, several air force units will be established in this area in accordance with operational plans and priorities. It will not be in public interest to disclose further details.

[Translation]

Production of Fertilizers

1070. **SHRI KRISHAN PRATAP SINGH:** Will the Minister of **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of each type of fertilizers produced in the country at present and the demand thereof ;

(b) the quantum of fertilizers needed to be produced in the country to meet the requirement to ensure good crop ; and

(c) Government's scheme to make up the shortage of fertilizers ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Demand and production of fertilizers during the year 1984-85 are estimated to be as follow : —

	Demand (Estimated Consumption)	Production (Estimated)
	(In lakh tonnes)	
Nitrogen (N)	56.44	39.6
P ₂ O ₅ (P)	18.65	12.6
Potash (K)	8.65	There is no indigenous production of Potash (K)

(b) To the extent production of fertilizers falls short of the requirements, imports are arranged to ensure adequate availability of fertilizers to the farmers. Since the requirements of fertilizers vary from year to year, it is difficult to indicate a precise figure of production which can be considered adequate to meet the requirements.

(c) Indigenous production of Nitrogenous and Phosphatic fertilizers is not yet adequate to meet their entire demand. Imports are, therefore, arranged to meet the gap between the demand and indigenous production every year. The demand for Potassic fertilizers is met entirely from imports because there is no indigenous production of Potash.

A major programme for augmentation of indigenous production capacity of Nitrogenous and Phosphatic fertilizers has been undertaken in order to reduce considerably the gap between their demand and production within the country.

[English]

Decision regarding take over of Motor and Machinery Manufacturers Limited by Bharat Brakes and Valves Co. Limited

1071. **SHRI ANANDA PATHAK:** Will the Minister of **INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have considered the report of Bharat Brakes and Valves Company Limited recommending take over of Motor and Machinery Manufacturers Limited located at Dum Dum in West Bengal ; and

(b) if so, when Government would take a final decision in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Management take-over period in respect of M/s Motor and Machinery Manufacturers Ltd. has been extended upto 30.4.85 to enable Government to take a view on the final disposition of the undertaking after examining various alternatives including the feasibility of M/s. Bharat Brakes and Valves Co. Ltd.'s taking over the undertaking.

Foreign collaboration agreements

1072. **SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:** Will the Minister of **INDUSTRY AND**