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Manufacture of Helicopters by HAL

2488. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT :
DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI :
KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI :
SHRI G. BHOOPATHY :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has prepared any scheme to manufacture helicopters;

(b) if so, the number of helicopters proposed to be manufactured every year under this and the average cost of each helicopter; and

(c) the time by which helicopter would be ready for test flight ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). It would not be in public interest to disclose the information.

U. S. Computer to India for Weather research purposes

2489. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that U. S. A. has decided not to sell an advanced computer to India for weather research purposes;

(b) if so, reasons thereof; and

(c) what alternative method Government have decided for the weather research purposes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Israel attack on Palestinian Headquarters in Tunisia

2490. SHRI ANAND SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken note of the Israeli attack on Palestinian headquarters in Tunisia in the beginning of October, 1985; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto by way of taking up the matter at international and diplomatic forums and otherwise ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Immediately, following the Israeli attack on PLO Headquarters in Tunis on 1-10-1985, Government's official spokesman issued a statement strongly condemning it as a "blatant act of Israeli aggression against Tunisia and the Palestinian people". Prime