

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Suitable measures have been taken by Government to provide necessary comforts to the troops located in the Siachen area. These include provision of special snow clothing, mountaineering and ski equipment special arctic tents, snow mobiles and fibre glass shelters, provision of adequate medical facilities and periodic turn over of troops.

**Inquiry into Crash of Transport Plane
in Cuttack**

5427. DR. B.L. SHAIKESH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any investigation had been ordered into the crash of the AN-12 Transport plane in Cuttack on 8 March 1988; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b). A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to investigate the cause of the accident, which is in progress. However, its findings and recommendations would be classified and would not be disclosed in the public interest.

[*Translation*]

**Appointment of Selected Candidates in
510 Army Base Workshop, Meerut
Cantonment**

5428. SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Commanding Officer of the 510 Army Base Workshop, Meerut Cantt. called some candidates for test interview for making recruitment as labourers in the above workshop and the fathers of those candidates had earlier worked in the workshop;

(b) if so, whether the successful candidates have been appointed;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether those successful candidates have sent representations for giving them appointments; and

(e) whether Government propose to provide employment to these candidates in the above workshop ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All candidates, who met the required eligibility conditions and were successful in the trade test have been appointed.

(c) to (e). Do not arise.

[*English*]

**Progress made in Saintala Project in
Bolangir District, Orissa**

5429. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the completion of the Defence Production unit at Saintala in Bolangir district of Orissa;

(b) if so, when the unit is likely to start production;

(c) the number of local people given employment in that Defence production unit; and

(d) how many of them are from among the displaced persons following the execution of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) On the basis of the 'go-ahead' sanction given in Oct. 84 in respect of the ordnance filling factory at Bolangir, certain preliminary activities of an urgent nature requiring long leadtime were taken up, in respect of which considerable progress has been made.