

most of the advanced countries at that time.

(d) We are also trying to develop our own Main Battle Tank (MBT) which will incorporate the futuristic technological advancements. In the meanwhile, as an interim measure, we propose to acquire some more sophisticated battle tanks from abroad. It is not desirable in the national interest to disclose further details.

#### **Guidlines to prevent atrocities on Harijans**

1392. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued guidelines to Chief Ministers against the prevention of atrocities on Harijans;

(b) if so, whether such guidelines pertain to the Scheduled Castes only and not to Scheduled Tribes;

(c) whether the said letter has since been modified; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to issue another guidelines to the Chief Ministers for prevention of atrocities on tribal people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No Sir.

(d) The Ministry of Home Affairs have already issued another circular letter to State Governments bearing No. 12025/1/80-TD dated 26th July 1980 on the subject of atrocities on Scheduled Tribes.

#### **Indigenous manufacture of ships and submarines**

1393 SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:

PROF. A. K. MEHTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to moderning India's Naval Weaponry. Government have any plan to indigenously manufacture ships and submarines integrating the modren concept; and

(b) if so, details thereof and the period likely to be taken before the plan is implemented?

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

(b) Further details of the plan cannot be disclosed in the public interest.

#### **Tours undertaken by Minister of Home Affairs**

1394. SHRI GURCHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tours undertaken by him with days of each tour in different States; and

(b) in case his tours and the days of each tour undertaken by him in Punjab State are more as compared to other States, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) A statement containing the information is attached.