

(b) the reasons why these modifications had to be made, and

(c) whether the improved engine is showing good performance now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) (a) and (b). The only alteration made on the RDa 7 Dart Engine installed in the HS-748 Aircraft is to increase the water methanol check flow in order to ensure proper matching of the engine with the airframe

(c) The engines of all aircraft to Indian Airlines are thoroughly checked for their performance before delivery and their performance is also demonstrated to Indian Airlines during their production tests. The results of the adjustments made in the water methanol check flow are under study.

Mining of Vishakhapatnam Port by Pakistan before War

906 SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH. Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Pakistan managed to mine Vishakhapatnam port before hostilities broke out on the 3rd December last year, and

(b) if so, the steps taken to plug the loop holes in our coastal defences in the light of the aforesaid facts?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) (a) No, Sir

(b) Docs not arise

Efforts to acquire long range strike Aircrafts

907 SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH. Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government intend to acquire long range strike air-crafts, and

(b) if so, the efforts being made in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) (a) and (b) A preliminary assessment is currently under way

Request of Gujarat Government for doubling the royalty of Crude Oil

905 SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL
SHRI ARVIND NIJAM

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) whether Gujarat Government has approached the Centre for doubling the royalty paid to it by Oil and Natural Gas Commission for the crude oil produced in the State, and

(b) if so the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI H R GOKHALE)

(a) and (b) The Government of Gujarat has asked for a substantial increase in the rate of crude oil royalty. No final decision on this has yet been taken

Deterioration in the Services of Banks

909 SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether representatives of the member associations of the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry have criticised the deterioration in the services of the banks after their nationalisation,

(b) if so, whether they have complained that frequent strikes and go-slow tactics adopted by the employees cause considerable hardship to trade & industry, and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?