

in the private sector with defence production units on a permanent basis; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to set up one such?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA)** (a) Where no developmental aspect is involved, and production of a component, assembly or sub-assembly is established, Defence Production Units place direct orders on competent private sector units either on a long term or on a short term basis, as necessary. In cases, however, where no development is involved and production has to be established, they place an indent on the Department of Defence Supplies. The Department of Defence Supplies in its turn invites quotations from competent units in the civil sector and renders such assistance to the selected party in development/productionisation of the item as may be required. It has, however, not been considered necessary to link civil production with Defence production on a permanent basis.

(b) The question does not arise.

**Location of Places for supply and Training Facilities to Bangladesh Armed Forces**

4357 **SHRI B K DASCHOW-DHURY:**

**SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA**

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether any agreement has been signed between India and Bangladesh for locating places where India could help the Bangladesh armed forces with supplies and training facilities; and

(b) if so, the main particulars thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM)** (a) and (b) No Sir Government are however rendering, in pursuance of their general policy of cooperation with friendly Governments, assistance to Bangladesh Defence Forces in the matter of supplies and training facilities.

**Agreement between China and Nepal for Economic and Technical Cooperation**

4358 **SHRI B K DASCHOW-DHURY** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether any agreement was signed between the Chinese and Nepalese Prime Ministers for economic and technical cooperation recently, and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH)** (a) Yes, Sir

(b) No details have been released officially by either Government.

**Interview of Jan Sangh President by Pak Newsmen**

4359 **SHRI S C BESRA** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Pak newsmen who visited India in October, 1972 had an interview with the President of Jan Sangh, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee;

(b) whether the Pak newsmen were instructed to meet Indian Opposition leaders only in the presence of officials of External Affairs Ministry; and

(c) if so, the justification for such directions?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AF-**