

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) Government has seen the report. The references in it to MIG-2 aircraft are factually incorrect.

(b) Does not arise.

Services of Retired/Retiring Chiefs of Armed Forces

4189. **SHRI BANAMALI PATNAIK:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the steps taken to ensure that services of such veterans of

war as retired or retiring Army, Navy and Air Chiefs of Staff are available to the country whenever required?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK): It is ensured that the services of retired veterans of war are available to the country by placing them on the Reserve. Details of reserve liability are indicated in the attached statement.

ARMY

Statement

(i) *Officers* There is no reserve liability for Army Officers when they retire at the normal age of superannuation ; only in cases of premature retirement they have a reserve liability upto the date of attainment of the normal retirement age.

(ii) *OR* After active service ranging from 10-18 years, an OR is placed in the reserve for a period varying from 5 years to 3 years.

NAVY

(i) *Officers* Officers in the Navy have a reserve liability only upto the age of 55 years. Those who retire after this age have no reserve liability.

(ii) *Sailors* On expiry of the period of active service, a sailor is held in the reserve for a period of 10 years or till attainment of the age of 42 years whichever is earlier. They may also be retained according to requirements in the reserve, upto the age of 47 years.

AIR FORCE

(i) *Officers* On retirement, Air Force officers have normally a liability to serve in the reserve for a period of 5 years.

(ii) *Airmen* Normally, Airmen on completion of active service period have a reserve liability upto 6-9 years.

Marketing of Copper from Khetri Project.

31,000 tonnes of copper metal per annum.

4190. **SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the copper from the public sector Khetri Project has entered the market; and

(b) what is the present production and working capacity of the plant?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Khetri Copper Project is still in the construction stage and is expected to go into production in early 1974. The estimated production capacity of the Plant will be

Taking over of Indian owned Loyalty Group of Companies in Ghana by that Government

4192. **SHRI PILOO MODY:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian owned Loyalty Group of Companies in Accra (Ghana) have been taken over by that Government;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether the management requested Government to intervene on their behalf and if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?