वृति और पुनर्वास मंत्रासय में उपमंत्री (भी जी॰ वेंकटस्वानी) (क) 11-2-74 तक भारत में रह रहे पाकिस्तानी राष्ट्रिकों की संख्या मंद्री भी 58399 है (राजस्वान में 48829 तथा गुजरात में 9570)। उनमें से कुछ पाकिस्तानी राष्ट्रिकों ने पाकिस्तान वापस जाने की इच्छा व्यक्त की है परन्तु इसके पश्वात विए गए कारणों से मिक्रकों पाकिस्तानी राष्ट्रिकों ने भारत में रहने की इच्छा व्यक्त की है।

(ख) इन पाकिस्तानी राष्ट्रिकों के पाकिस्तान लौट जाने की प्राशा है। शिमला करार के पश्चात् हुए पल-व्यवहार के परिणामस्वरूप, पाकिस्तान ने भारत को सूचित
किया था कि वे दिसम्बर, 1971 के युद्ध
के कारण सिंध से विस्थापित हुए पाकिस्तानी
राष्ट्रिकों को बापस लेने के लिये सहमत है।
सरकार इसे वास्तव में एक मानवीय समस्या
समझती है तथा प्राशा करती है कि पाकिस्तान सरकार प्रावश्यक स्थितयां पैदा करने
के लिए उपयुक्त कदम उठायेगी ताकि ये
व्यक्ति प्रपने घरों को सुरक्षित एवं सादर लौट
सकों। तब तक इन व्यक्तियों की मानवीय
बाधार पर देखभाल की जा रही है।

विस्ली में कोयला ध्यापारियों द्वारा की गई अनियमितताएं

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- (क) क्या दिल्ली में कुछ कोयला व्या-पारियों द्वारा अनियमितता करने के कारण उनके लाइसेंस रह किये गये हैं; और
- (बा) यदि हां, तो उसकी संख्या कितनी है ?

इल्पात और कान मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (की मुकोध हंसदा): (क) धौर (ख). दिल्ली के कुछ कीयला व्यापारियों द्वारा धनियमितता करने के कारण दिल्ली प्रशासन द्वारा 1973 के दौरान 34 लाइसेंस रह किये गए।

ACHIEVEMENT OF FOURTH FIVE YEAR
PLAN BIRTH RATE TARGET

3161. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had fixed target for birth rate per thousand at 25 at the end of the Fourth Plan;
- (b) if so, whether this target has been achieved; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

DEPUTY MINISTER THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI KON-DAJJI BASAPPA); (a) to (c). The birth rate targetted to be reached by the end of the IVth Plan was 32 per 1000 population. It is estimated that actual birth rate that is likely to be reached by the end of the Fourth Plan may be 35.6 per 1000 population. The reason is that the expected number of couples in the reproductive age group were not practising family planning. As against 28 million couples that were expected to be protected, the number of couples actually adopting family planning would be about 16 million by the end of the Fourth Plan.

DIVERSIFICATION OF PRODUCTION OF HINDUSTAN AERONAUTICS LTD.

3162. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to diversify the production of the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd; and
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DE-FENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). HAL having been specifically set up and equipped to manufacture different types of aircraft, aero-engines and associated equipment, the scope for diversification is limited. Within these limitations, however, attempts have been and are being made to take on outside jobs on a selective basis with a view to improve HAL's turnover and profitability, the main consideration in these cases heing availability of capacity and specialised equipment with HAL or expertise not readily available elsewhere. Thus the Foundary & Forge at Bangalore and Koraput have been undertaking manufacture of castings and forgings for Ordnance Factories, Bharat Movers, etc. HAL has undertaken jobs for the Indian Space Research Organisation and the Garden Reach Workshops Ltd. HAL is also selling know-how developed by it for TV sets and also manufacturers components of TV sets.

CRITICISM BY A CHINESE NEWS AGENCY ON RECENT AGREFMENTS BETWEEN INDIA AND U.S.S.R.

- 3163. Shri MADHU LIMAYE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have seen the statements issued by Hsniua News Agency of Communist China on the recent agreements between India and Soviet Union;
- (b) if so, the main points of Chinese criticism; and
- (c) the reaction of Government of India to this criticism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The New China News Agency has tried to suggest that the recent agreements between India and Soviet Union are of an 'unequal' nature, being more to the advantage of the Soviet Union and that the long term economic of countries.

agreement signed in November last year has aroused "grave concerp" among Indians.

(c) There is no substance in these tendentious reports. Our friendship with the Soviet Union is based on principles of equality and mutual benefit.

HEAVY ARMS BUILD UP BY PETROLEUM PRODUCING COUNTRIES OF WEST AND SOUTH EAST ASIA

- 3164. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have collected information about the heavy arms built up by the petroleum producing countries in West and South-East Asta;
- (b) whether the implications of this for the peace and good neighbourly relations among the countries of these regions of Asia have also been studied;
- (c) whether the Government have initiated any moves for rhutual discussions among the countries of this region for voluntary limitations on arms build up and arms imports; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for not doing this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Government have been receiving a substantial amount of information about the acquisition of arms by a number of countries in the region.

- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) and (d). India has always stood for general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control. Government have been actively working in the UN and other bodies to achieve this objective. Government's views on the question of military escalation in the region are well-known and have been discussed with a number of countries.