

mary health centres, etc, in order to draw-up comprehensive plans for eradicating diseases from the tribal areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE): (a) General health surveys have been conducted in certain community development blocks which covered tribal areas also.

(b) In so far as major diseases like malaria, small-pox, cholera etc., are concerned, the national programmes for their eradication cover tribal areas also. As regards surveys for other diseases which may be peculiar to certain tribal blocks, information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Implementation of Indo-Pak Agreement on communication links

1483 **SHRI P. R. SHENOY** Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state the steps taken to implement the terms of Agreement reached between India and Pakistan regarding communications, telecommunications, and trade by both the countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): The Agreements on Exchange of Postal articles and Tele-communication have become operative with effect from the 15th October, 1974. Talks between India and Pakistan are expected to be held shortly to discuss the resumption of trade, while the talks on civil aviation matters have commenced in Islamabad on the 18th November, 1974.

Loss of money and man power in overhaul division of HAL

1484 **SARDAR SWARAN SINGH SOKHI:** Will the Minister of **DEFENCE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the overhaul division of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

in Bangalore and its branch factory at Barrackpore are likely to face idle labour situation due to no work orders and having no additional or alternative projects;

(b) whether the overhaul division had become gradually reduced resulting in idling of the Productive workers; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to feed and provide the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited with sufficient work orders from time to time to avoid heavy losses of money and man power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Overhaul Division of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (Bangalore Complex) and its Branch factory at Barrackpore have at present sufficient work load for next 2-3 years. However, due to non-availability/delay in receipt of spares from abroad, small pockets of idle labour sometimes arise.

(b) Due to closure of some out-station maintenance bases, workload in overhaul division has come down to some extent.

(c) Action is in hand to provide additional workload for the Overhaul Division by transferring certain work from the Aircraft Division. Overhaul of Carribou Aircraft has already been transferred to Barrackpore Factory. Further measures are under consideration.

Development plans of Sikkim

1485 **SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:** Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state the salient features of the development plans of Sikkim and the amount earmarked thereof by Indian Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): Detailed