Persons belonging to Mizo Hills in Burmese and Pakistan Armies

2036. Shri Swell: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of young men of the Pawi Lakhar Region of Mizo Hills, Assam, are serving in the Burmese and the Pakistan armies; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomie Energy (Shii Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). No, Sir, the number is not large but while we have no information regarding the number of persons serving with the Pakistan Army, we do know that several individuals from the Pawi Lakhar Region and other Mizo Hill areas bordering Burma are serving with the Burmese Army for reasons of economic and proximity of the Region to Burma which has enabled them to pass themselves off as Mizos of Chin Hills. An accurate count of these persons is not avail-Able.

मध्य प्रदेश की धनराशी

२०३७. श्री रा० स० तिवारी : क्या बोजना मंत्री यह बताने की क्रुपा करेंगे कि :

(क) तृतीय पंचवर्षीय योजना के लिए मध्य प्रदेश को केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा कितनी मनराशि देने का निश्चय किया गया है; मौर

(ख) ग्रब तक कितनी धनराशि दी गई है ?

योजना तथा श्रम झौर रोजगार मंत्री (झी नज्दा): (क) झौर (ख). मध्य प्रदेश की तोसरी पंरवर्षीय योजना में २०२.४ करोड़ रुपये केन्द्रीय सहायता की व्यवस्था की गई है। इस में से १९६१-६२ तथा १९६२-६२ की सालाना योजनायों के लिए कमश: ३० करोड़ रुपये तथा ३७.४ करोड़ रुपये केन्द्रीय सहायता मंजूर की गई। 1684 (Ai) LSD-3. Trade with U.A.R.

∫ Shri Bishwanath Roy: 2038. J Maharajkumar Vijaya ∫ Ananda: ↓ Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state whether any steps have been taken for improvement of trade between India and the United Arab Republic during the Third Plan period?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): Yes, Sir. A Protocol signed by India and the United Arab Republic in October, 1961 envisages best efforts on the part of the two Governments to increase the volume of trade and maintain it at the highest level.

Rural Housing in Assam

2039. Shri Swell: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of a total of Rs. 15,00,000 allotted to Assam for Rural Housing during the Second Five Year Plan, the Government of Assam drew only Rs. 27,000; aud

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) Yes.

(b) The State Government could not sanction any house-building loans as they had not been able to complete the various preliminaries, such as recruitment of enginering staff for the lural cell, selection of housing villages, socio-economic and physical survey of, and preparation of layout plans for the selected villages, as also the preparation and printing of model plans and designs for the houses. The State Government have since completed these preliminaries and are expected to commence the implementation of the Scheme soon.