

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) France exploded an underground nuclear device at EKKER in the Algerian Sahara on the 18th March, 1963.

(b) Government are opposed to all nuclear weapon tests in any environment by any country at any time. The Prime Minister has already made a statement regarding the recent nuclear test in the Sahara conducted by France in the Lok Sabha on the 25th March, 1963.

Panchayat Industries in Orissa State

1358. { Shri Ulaka:
Shri Ramchandra Mallick.

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 761 on the 16th May, 1962 and state:

(a) whether the proposals received from Orissa Government for establishment of Panchayat Industries in the State have since been examined by the Planning Commission; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment and for Planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman): (a) and (b). The proposals of Orissa State Government for establishment of Panchayat Samiti Industries have been approved by the Planning Commission for 1962-63 and 1963-64.

Dam at Tikkerapara on Mahanadi

1359. { Shri Ulaka:
Shri Ramachandra Mallick:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 362 on 2nd May, 1962 and state:

(a) whether the investigations have since been completed and project report received by the Planning Commission for construction of a

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Dam at Tikkerapara on Mahanadi (Orissa); and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment and for Planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman): (a) The investigations of Tikkerapara project on Mahanadi have not yet been completed. The Planning Commission has not received a project report of the scheme from the State Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Dakota Aircrash

1360. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an I.A.F. dakota crashed near Jullundur on or about 20th March, 1963;

(b) if so, the number of casualties involved; and

(c) the cause of the accident?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) A Vampire aircraft crashed near Jullundur on 20th March, 1963.

(b) One.

(c) In accordance with the rules, a Court of Inquiry has been ordered to investigate the cause of the accident. Full details will be known when proceedings of the Court of Inquiry are finalised.

Miners' Quarters

1361. **Shri Eswara Reddy:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) at what stage is the proposal to revise upwards the cost per unit of miners' quarters to be constructed in all coalfields by the Coal Mines Welfare Organisation; and

(b) when it is likely to be finalised?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri E. K. Malviya): (a) The Experts