

Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri P. K. Deo:
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:
 Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:
 Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
 Shri R. S. Pandey:
 Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
 Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:
 Shri Brij Raj Singh:
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ships of the Iranian Navy joined the Pakistan Navy in an attempt to sink an Indian frigate one day before the cease-fire;

(b) if so, where the naval engagement took place; and

(c) whether the matter has been taken up with the Iranian Government?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Ordnance Factories

274. Shri Linga Reddy:
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to gear up the Ordnance Factories in India after the breaking out of the hostilities between India and Pakistan; and

(b) the help extended by foreign countries to promote defence production by way of technical know-how, money and machinery?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) The production in ordnance factories has been maximized consistent with the requirements and priorities of the Services.

(b) It is not in the public interest to disclose this.

Help to Wounded Jawans

275. Shri Linga Reddy:
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of help extended so far from the 5th August, 1965 to the wounded Jawans; and

(b) whether any rewards have been given to them for special initiative, skill and bravery?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) In accordance with the normal rules, wounded Jawans are given treatment in Military Hospitals till they are cured or invalidated and, during the period of hospitalisation which is treated as duty, they continue to get their pay and allowances.

(b) Any Jawan, including a wounded Jawan who has shown special initiative, skill and bravery in action, is eligible for consideration for the grant of gallantry awards, Paramvir Chakra, Mahavir Chakra and Vir Chakra, as well as the monetary allowances and other rewards attached to them.

Atomic Energy Plants in India

276. Shri Linga Reddy: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Atomic Energy Plants established so far in India;

(b) the number of Atomic Energy plants proposed to be set up under the remaining period of the Third Plan and the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(c) the amount so far incurred on them; and

(d) the uses to which atomic energy has so far been put in India?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) The Department of