

Thomas): The work on the augmentation of facilities required for the construction of the Frigates in the Mazagon Dock Limited, Bombay, is being executed on a priority basis. The training of the officers and technicians of the Mazagon Dock Limited, Bombay, for the Frigate project is progressing in the shipyards of the collaborators, M/s. Vickers Limited and M/s. Yarrow & Co. Limited. Orders for the supply of machinery and equipment, of the collaborators' manufacture, for the first Frigate, have been placed on them. Orders for the supply of special steel, required for the first Frigate, too have been placed in the U.K.

#### Freedom Fighter Planes from U.S.A.

1434. Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:

Shri R. S. Pandey:

Shri Rajeshwar Patel:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 569 on the 13th September, 1965 and state the progress made with regard to the procurement of Freedom Fighter planes for IAF from the U.S.A. Government?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): The US Government have suspended the shipment of all military supplies to India against outstanding commitments and have deferred consideration of new proposals for military assistance. In this context the procurement proposal has made no progress.

#### भारत-पाकिस्तान सीमा पर सामरिक निर्माण

1435. श्री मुलशम :

श्री बूढा सिंह :

श्री बसपाल सिंह :

क्या रक्षा मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान सरकार ने भारत-पाकिस्तान सीमा पर

लाहौर अंचल में इण्डोगिल नहर पर अपनी ओर मजबूत सामरिक निर्माण कर रखा था ;

(ख) इससे भारत सरकार को क्या अनुभव प्राप्त हुआ है; और

(ग) क्या पंजाब सीमा पर भी ऐसे ही प्रतिरक्षा प्रबन्ध करने का विचार है ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री (श्री यशवन्तराय चव्हाण) : (क) से (ग). यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान सरकार ने सीमा के अपनी ओर लाहौर क्षेत्र में कई रक्षा संरचनाओं का निर्माण कर रखा था। अपनी ओर रक्षा प्रबन्ध करने में इन पर विचार किया जाता है, और किया जाएगा।

#### Pak. Paratroopers

1436. Shri B. S. Pandey:

Shri Jashvant Mehta:

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:

Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the number of Pakistani Paratroopers released through the planes by Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the number of the Paratroopers captured so far?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) and (b). A few hundred Pakistani armed paratroopers were dropped near airfields close to the India-West Pakistan border on 6th September. The bulk of the paratroopers dropped by Pakistan has been accounted for, either by killing or capture or escape back to Pakistan.

#### Bank of China

1437. Shri R. S. Pandey: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has recently protested against the closure of the Bank of China and about its assets;