

748 (Avro) aircraft. No transport aircraft other than HS-748 is being manufactured in India. It will not be in the public interest to disclose production figures of other aircraft or the cost of production of aircraft.

(b) No aircraft has been sold to any foreign country, but one Pushpak aircraft each was presented to the Governments of Malaya and Singapore.

(c) The profits made by H.A.L. are as follows :—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Profit</i> (Rs. in lakhs)
1963-64	.. 109.80
1964-65	.. 103.75
1965-66	.. 121.98
1966-67	.. 129.24
1967-68	.. 129.98

Profit for 1963-64 relates to erstwhile Hindustan Aircraft Ltd., which was amalgamated with Aeronautics India Ltd. with effect from 1st October, 1964 to form the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.

(d) At the Press Conference held on 3rd October, 1968, the Managing Director has only indicated generally that the new military aircraft proposed to be designed and developed by H.A.L. would be a successor to HF-24 with better performance in speed, range and load. No information of secret nature has been disclosed.

AIR HEADQUARTERS EDUCATION DIRECTORATE

405. SHRI SURAJ BHAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Post of Technical Superintendent (Hindi) was created in September, 1967 in the Air Headquarters Education Directorate on getting express sanction;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said post is lying vacant since its creation, despite various representations from several eligible officials from all wings of the Defence Department.

(c) if so, the reasons for not filling up the post so far; and

(d) when and how Government propose to fill in the said post?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) A post of Technical Superintendent was sanctioned in the Directorate of Education, Air Headquarters, with effect from 11th September, 1967.

(b) The post has not been filled so far; one representation for being considered for this post has been received.

(c) and (d). It was decided not to fill the post, pending bringing Class I and Class II transition posts in various offices of AFHQ and Inter-Service Organisations on a combined roster and finalisation of its recruitment rules. Recruitment rules were promulgated and a combined roster for such posts introduced on 17th February, 1968. According to the recruitment rules, this post will be filled by promotion of Senior Translators/Research Assistants possessing the prescribed qualifications.

A panel for promotion will be drawn up, after determining the *inter se* seniority of Senior Translators/Research Assistants consequent on their confirmation on the basis of separate Service Hqrs. rosters in permanent vacancies.

MANAGER OF INDIAN HOCKEY TEAM

406. SHRI A. DIPA :

SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :

SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :

SHRI S. P. RAMAMOORTHY :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a serving General had gone to Mexico as Manager of the Indian Hockey Team; and

(b) whether Government took into account the period of his absence and the importance of a serving General being away from the country for matters not connected with the defence of the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b). The services of Maj. Gen. D. S. Kalha, Director General, National Cadet Corps, were made available to the Indian Hockey

Federation. for accompanying the Indian Hockey Team which participated in the recent Olympic Games in Mexico. Maj. Gen. Kalha's absence from duty in this connection has been counted against his leave entitlements; this has been immediately followed by a short period of deputation of the officer, on his return journey from Mexico, to the United Kingdom to study the Cadet Corps and allied organisations in that country.

ENTRY INTO BHUTAN

407. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY :
 SHRI P. K. DEO :
 SHRI R. BARUA :
 SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :
 SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :
 SHRI SRINIBAS MISRA :
 SHRI VISHWA NATH PANDEY :
 SHRI N. R. LASKAR :
 SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
 SHRI BIBHUTI MISHRA :
 SHRI RABI RAY :
 SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-
 GRAHI :
 SHRI R. K. AMIN :
 SHRI HIMATSINGKA :
 SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
 SHRI MEETHA LAL MEENA :
 SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO :
 SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :
 SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA :
 SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL :
 SHRI PRAKASH VIR SHASTRI :
 SHRI OM PRAKASH TYAGI :
 SHRI VASUDEVAN NAIR :
 SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH
 SHASTRI :
 SHRI R. K. SINHA :
 SHRI D. N. DEB :
 SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR
 SALVE :
 DR. SUSHILA NAYAR :
 SHRI J. N. HAZARIKA :
 SHRI BENI SHANKER
 SHARMA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Bhutan Government have issued a notification to the effect that the foreigners including Indians will have to possess identity cards issued by the Bhutan Government for entry into that country.

(b) if so, whether Government have taken up the matter with the Bhutan Government; and

(c) if so, the result thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) The Government of Bhutan had issued a notification which required all foreigners entering into Bhutan to be in possession of an identity card. The Government of India that its provisions will not apply to Indian citizens.

(b) The Government of India's Special Officer in Bhutan brought the attention of the Bhutan Government to the fact that Bhutanese nationals entering India do not need identity cards, and sought clarifications.

(c) As mentioned above, the notification was made not applicable to Indian citizens.

धुम्बा राकेट परियोजना

408. श्री महाराज सिंह भारती : क्या प्रधान मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि धुम्बा राकेट परियोजना की कब तक चार प्रक्रम वाले राकेट को पूर्णतया भारत में बनाने और उसे छोड़ने के योग्य हो जाने की संभावना है ?

प्रधान मंत्री, अणु-शक्ति मंत्री, योजना मंत्री तथा वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी) : आशा की जाती है कि त्रिवेन्द्रम के समीप वेली हिल स्थित अन्तरिक्ष विज्ञान तथा तकनीकी केन्द्र लगभग चार वर्ष तक भारत द्वारा डिजाइन किया गया तथा निर्मित चार खण्ड वाला राकेट छोड़ने की स्थिति में होगा ।