

Avro Plant, Kanpur

3585. Shri Surendra Pal Singh :
Shri P. C. Borooah :

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the AVRO plant at the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Kanpur is posing a problem owing to lack of demand for Avro-aircraft and is lying idle;

(b) the extent of idle capacity at present; and

(c) the steps taken to put the factory on sound financial footing?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan):(a) and (b). This factory was set up for the manufacture of medium transport aircraft. The indication of the requirement in 1959 was over 150 aircraft, but the present order is only for 42 aircraft. As a consequence of the reduced order, it has not been possible to build up to the planned rate of production. The available plant at Kanpur is assessed as adequate for an annual production of 9 aircraft. During 1966 the production would be 5 aircraft. It is proposed to build up to 9 aircraft per year.

(c) The Factory would be on a sound financial footing only on the basis of an adequate order for the HS-748 aircraft. The IAC may have further requirements for medium transport aircraft, particularly taking into account the additional needs arising from the need to attract foreign tourists. The Ministry of Home Affairs also have a requirement for better communications in the outlying islands. It is being proposed that these further requirements should be met by supply of the HS-748 aircraft from H.A.L.

Radio Sets

3586. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka :
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena :

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to refer to the

reply given to Unstarred Question No. 523 on the 21st February, 1966 and state ;

(a) whether allocation of radio sets for 1966-67 has since been finalised ; and

(b) if so, the number of radio sets proposed to be given to the rural areas of Orissa during the above period?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1500 radio sets. These will be procured directly by the State Government.

Commentators of Films Division

3587. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka :
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena :

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4999 on the 9th May, 1966 and state :-

(a) whether any final decision has since been taken regarding the facilities to be provided to the commentators in the Films Division; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur) :

(a) and (b). The matter is under consideration.

Firing by East Pakistan Rifles

3588. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena :
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka :

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5022 on the 9th May, 1966 regarding firing by East Pakistan Rifles and state :

(a) whether any reply from the Government of Pakistan has since been received; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh) : (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

Nuclear Power Programme

3589. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena :
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka :

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5675 on the 16th May, 1966 and state :

(a) whether the schemes for the further expansion of the nuclear power programme during the Fourth Five Year Plan have since been considered; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) and (b). Besides the construction of the second unit of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station and of the two units of the Madras Atomic Power Station, the Atomic Energy Commission will undertake preparatory work on other projects which will be identified after some techno-economic studies have been completed with the object of implementing them during the Fifth Plan.

Staff Artistes at Sambalpur

3590. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena :
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka :

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state the number of staff artistes and employees of the All-India Radio at Sambalpur (Orissa) belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as on the 30th June, 1966 ?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur) :

	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes
Staff Artistes
Other employees	12	5
TOTAL	12	5

Kidnapping of policemen and other persons by Chinese

3591. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena :
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka :

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state :

(a) how many Policemen and other persons have been kidnapped by the Chinese Armed personnel on Indo-Tibet border from the 22nd February, 1966 to date ;

(b) whether Government have lodged any protest with the Chinese Government in this regard ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Chinese Government thereto ?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan) : (a) None.

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

Clash at Tambaram Railway Station

3592. Shri Subodh Hansda :
Shri S. C. Samanta :
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad :
Shri M. L. Dwivedi :

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a clash of defence personnel with the travelling public at the Tambaram Railway Station on the Southern Railway in June, 1966 ;

(b) if so, the reasons for this clash ; and

(c) whether some persons were injured during the clash and if so, the number thereof ?