

and additional needs in connection with foreign tourists. It will, however, take some time before firm indications of the requirements are available and orders are placed.

(c) 6 aircraft have so far been delivered to the Indian Air Force. One aircraft manufactured at Kanpur Factory has been sent to the UK for incorporation of modifications required by the IAC. This aircraft is expected to be ready for delivery to the IAC in December 1966.

India's Candidature for U. N. Security Council Seat

**658. Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Kolla Venkalah:**

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made of India's chances for securing U.N. Security Council seat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). The Government of India is optimistic about the outcome of the elections but the assurances of support extended by various Governments are confidential in nature and cannot be disclosed. The election is due to be held shortly.

AIR 'State of Our Economy' Feature

659. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Radio broadcasts on the "State of Our Economy" initiated some time back on selected subjects have proved to be successful;

(b) if so, their impact on the general masses; and

(c) the procedure adopted for the selection of speakers?

The Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A.I.R.'s broadcasts on

the 'State of Our Economy' were initiated about the middle of September, 1966 and are scheduled to end by about the middle of November, 1966. A survey of some of these programmes is already being conducted to ascertain their impact on the listeners. Their impact will be known after the entire series is over and the results of the survey are compiled.

(c) The primary considerations which guide A.I.R. in the selection of talkers are: the standing of a particular individual in his/her sphere of activity, the nature of the subject to be dealt with and the suitability of such persons from the point of view of the special requirements of the broadcasting medium.

Purchase of Arms by Pakistan from Sweden

**660. Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Maheswar Nalk:**

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has placed an order, believed to be the biggest since the Indo-Pak. conflict for purchase of arms in Sweden, which includes anti-tank rockets, automatic weapons and artillery equipment with Bofors, with a famous arms factory in Sweden; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of **External Affairs** (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). Government have seen the press report but there is no confirmation of the news.

Air Space Violations Committed by China

**661. Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:**

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

(a) the number of violations of our air space committed by the Chinese planes during the last three months;