

The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House but the Project at Jabalpur will not be for heavy vehicles but for Saktiman (3-ton trucks) and Nissan vehicles (1-ton trucks and patrols).

Seven-nation Conference on Vietnam

1269. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:
Shri Kolla Venkalah:
Shri P. R. Patel:
Shri Kindar Lal:
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the proposal to convene a 7-nation Conference comprising the U.S.A. and her allies in the Vietnam war; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction and attitude thereto as Chairman of the I.C.C. in Vietnam?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir. The Conference was held in Manila on 24th & 25th October, 1966.

(b) Neither India nor I.C.C. in Vietnam participated in the Conference.

Ammunition Factory, Kirkee

1270. **Shri Utiya:**
Shri Madhu Limaye:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that due to heavy work-load, thousands of employees are being given over-time allowance at the ammunition factory at Kirkee (Poona);

(b) whether Government have explored the possibility of absorbing Dehu Vehicle Depot workers in the

ammunition factory without adversely affecting their working conditions;

(c) whether the Ammunition Factory employees and management have been consulted in the matter;

(d) if so, their reaction thereto; and

(e) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes, Sir. Bulk of the employees at the Ammunition Factory, Kirkee, are working overtime.

(b) It is not possible to run three shifts in factories where increased production is required for a temporary period. Moreover, in the case of old machines some period is necessary everyday for maintenance. The scope for employing surplus personnel from Dehu Vehicle Depot is therefore very limited. It has been possible so far to absorb only 16 such employees in the Ammunition Factory, Kirkee.

(c) to (e). Broad policy in these matters is ordinarily arrived at after consultation with factory management and DGOF Headquarters.

Employees in Indian Missions Abroad

1271. **Shri Sivamurthi Swamy:** Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the numerical strength of staff in our Embassies in all countries is comparatively greater than those of other countries; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) and (b). It is not possible to make a comparison of the strength of the staff in Indian Embassies with that of other foreign missions abroad, as the strength of the latter is not known to Government.