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 SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA:
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 SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL:
 SHRI OM PRAKASH TYAGI:
 SHRI D.R. PARMAR:
 SHRI S.M. SOLANKI:
 SHRI MANGLATHUMADAM:
 SHRI YASHWANT SINGH
 KUSHWAH:
 SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA:
 SHRI MAHANT DIGVIJAI
 NATH:
 SHRI HEM BARUA:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Fourth Plan has been finalised ;

(b) if so, what is the latest estimate of the size of the Plan and proposed outlays for private and public sectors;

(c) when the Fourth Plan is expected to begin; and

(d) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons for the delay and when it will be finalised ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI):

(a), (b) and (d). The Draft Fourth Plan is at an advanced stage of preparation. It will be placed before the National Development Council shortly.

(c) The Fourth Plan period will begin from April, 1969.

Chinese Hydrogen Bomb Explosion

231. SHRI R. K. SINHA:
 SHRI HEM RAJ:
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 SHRI HEM BARUA:
 SHRI S.K. TAPURIAH
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 SHRI N. SHIVAPPA:

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 SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHARY
 SHRI NARAIN SWARUP
 SHARMA:
 SHRI RAM SWARUP VIDYA-
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 MAHIDA:
 DR. SUSHILA NAYAR:
 SHRI HIMATSINGKA:
 SHRI A. SREEDHARAN:
 SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO:
 SHRI YAJNA DATTA SHARMA:
 SHRI K. M. KOUSHIK:
 KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI:
 SHRI OM PRAKASH TYAGI:
 SHRI D. R. PARMAR:
 SHRI J. B. SINGH:
 SHRI SHARDA NAND:
 SHRI ONKAR SINGH:
 SHRI BHARAT SINGH
 CHAUHAN:
 SHRI SAMAR GUHA:
 DR. KARNI SINGH:
 SHRI N. R. LASKAR:
 SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether China exploded a hydrogen bomb in December, 1968 and is preparing to launch an I. C. B. M. in the Indian Ocean;

(b) if so, whether the implications of these developments on our defence has been examined; and

(c) whether Government propose to review their stand relating to the manufacture of nuclear weapons?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) China exploded a hydrogen bomb on the 27th December 1968. It is also known that China is now engaged on the development of inter-continental ballistic missiles, but no clear indications are available when and where such a missile would be tested.

(b) and (c). The effect of these developments on our security is a subject of continuous assessment by the Government. The policy of the Government on the manufacture of nuclear weapons has been made clear to the House on a number of occasions earlier.

Officials Who Accompanied P. M. to London

232. SHRI MANGALATHUMADAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officials/non-officials who accompanied the Prime Minister during her recent foreign tour to London; and

(b) the amount of foreign exchange spent on them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) During her visit to London, P.M. was accompanied by the Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs, Secretary to the Prime Minister, two officers of the Government of India and four members of her personal staff.

(b) Rs. 38,500. (Approximately).

Deputy Defence Minister's visit to Laccadive and Minicoy Islands.

233. SHRI MANGALATHUMADAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deputy Minister of Defence visited some areas in the Laccadive and Minicoy Islands recently;

(b) the main deliberations he had with the Local Administrators specially in regard to the settlers there; and

(c) whether any discussion took place in regard to the re-settlement of some Kerala landless peasants in the Islands thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.R. KRISHNA): (a) to (c). The Deputy Defence Minister visited certain of the Laccadive and Minicoy Islands a few weeks ago. He had general discussions with the Administrator regarding the development of the Islands and the encouragement of youth activities. The Deputy Defence Minister also visited a Junior Division Naval Boys' Camp of the National Cadet Corps held at Amini Island, and addressed an NCC Rally.

Cochin Naval Base

234. SHRI MANGALATHUMADAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any suggestions have come from the Kerala Government in regard to the developments and improvements of the Cochin Naval Base, keeping in view the increasing population of the Cochin area; and

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

235. THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

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236. श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी :
श्री स्वतन्त्र सिंह कोठारी :
श्री राम गोपाल शालवाले :
श्री सुरज भाव :