Manufacture of Aircraft Accessories

1560. SHRI D. C. SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals for providing facilities for manufacturing aircraft accessories at the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., have been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Accessories Factory will be set up as a separate Division of HAL. It will take up the manufacture of various aircraft accessories such as flight and general instruments, pressurisation, airconditioning and oxygen equipment, hydraulic equipment, wheels and brakes and ejection seats. The estimated capital cost of the project is Rs. 433 lakhs.

(c) The Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. have appointed a Chief Project Officer for the project and detailed planning is being taken in hand for the construction of the factory, procurement of plant and machinery, etc. HAL have already entered into licence agreement with some foreign manufacturers and negotiations with some others are under way. The site for the project has also been selected.

U.K.'s Policy for Import of Jute Manufactures

1561. SHRI D. C. SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the new policy of U. K. for import of jute manufactures has been unhelpful to the Indian jute industry;

(b) whether it is a fact that exports of Jute manufactures from India have been going down since 1956; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) The new policy of U.K. for import of Jute manufactures came into effect from 1-5-1969. It is too early to have an assessment of its impact on our exports of jute goods at this stage.

(b) The export of jute manufactures to U.K. since 1956 are —

	Hessian 2	Sacking 3	Others 4	Qty '000' tonnes Value Rs. lakhs	
Year 1				Total 5	Value 6
1 957-5 8	27.3	8.7	2.4	38.4	560
1958-59	42.9	12.8	3.2	58.4	813
1959-60	36.2	12.1	3.2	51.5	716
1 9 6 0- 61	36.1	10.5	3.7	50.3	909
1961-62	28.3	9.4	3.1	40.6	764
1962-63	31.6	6.3	3.4	41.3	770
1963-64	32.4	7.9	3.0	43.3	716