

(c) The import content of the 3-ton, 1-ton and patrol vehicle is at present 22%, 39% and 66.61% respectively. This proportion is expected to be reduced to 10% by 1973-74. The attempt thereafter would be to altogether eliminate the import content.

Research in Cosmic Rays in Space with U.S. Collaboration

7920. SHRI P. C. ADICHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any arrangement has lately been made with the U.S.A. under which Indian Scientists would carry out research in cosmic rays in space in collaboration with U.S. Scientists;

(b) if so, the nature and cost of the project; and

(c) the expenditure to be incurred by Government thereon?

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

(a) to (c). In response to an invitation received from National Aeronautics and Space Administration of U.S.A., a proposal for 'A Study of Cosmic Rays on Lunar Surface' has been forwarded to that Agency. The expenditure to India in the project is the cost of the equipment estimated not to exceed Rs. 5,000/-.

Italian Submarines for Pakistan

7921. SHRIMATI SHARDA MUKERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Italy has agreed to supply submarines to Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether the supply of submarines to Pakistan will not tilt the balance of Naval power in this part of the World; and

(c) the steps India is taking to counteract this situation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) to (c). The Government are not aware of any recent agreement between Pakistan and Italy for

supply of submarines to the former. The Pakistan Navy is, however, known to be in possession of midget submarines which are reported to be of Italian origin. Our views regarding the supply of arms to Pakistan have been made known to all the friendly Governments including the Italian Government.

Agreement with UAR for Co-operation in Atomic Field

7922. SHRI B. K. DASCHOUHRY:
SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU:
SHRI N. R. LASKAR:
SHRI MAYAVAN:
SHRI DHANDAPANI:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA:
SHRI RAM AVTAR SHARMA:
SHRI ATAM DAS
SHRI RAM GOPAL SHALWALE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and UAR have entered into a new agreement for cooperation in the field of atomic energy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b). No new agreement has been signed but the agreement concluded in July 1962 has been extended until July 1975.

Export of Birds and Animals

7923. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Indian animals and birds which are being exported to foreign countries and are proving good foreign exchange earners;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned during the years 1968-69 and 1969-70; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to help this trade in earning more foreign exchange?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b). A statement