

*[English]***Allocation of Funds for Armed Forces**

4406. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :  
SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the extent to which allocation of funds has been raised for armed forces during 1998-99 in comparison to the previous year; and

(b) the reasons for non-utilisation of defence funds during 1997-98 and the steps taken to ensure that the entire allotted amount is gainfully utilised during 1998-99 ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Allocation of Rs. 41200 crores has been made in BE 1998-99 as against Rs. 36099 crores in RE 1997-98 for the Defence Services/Departments. Thus, an increase of Rs. 5101 crores has been provided during 1998-99 over the previous year.

(b) The funds allocated during the year 1997-98 could not be fully utilised under Army grant. The main reasons for non-utilisation are (1) lesser outgo under pay and allowances than anticipated for the implementation of the Vth Pay Commission Report; (2) non-resolution of dispute/discussion relating to a few contracts.

A system already exists for regular monitoring of outgo against the contractual obligations and new schemes. The problems relating to these contracts have since been resolved. All concerned have been directed to make continuous effort for optimum utilisation of funds allotted for the Defence Services.

**Study Leave to Army Officers**

4407. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :  
SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Army has formulated a plan to send 700 officers to a two-year study leave every year;

(b) if so, the main points of the plan formulated;

(c) the extent to which it has been welcomed by the Army Officers;

(d) whether it is likely to give an opportunity to junior officers to show their worth and help in checking the stagnation in the armed forces; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (e) No such proposal is under the consideration of Ministry of Defence.

**Seminar on Air Safety**

4408. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether about 100 delegates from India and the Asia Pacific region attended the 5 days seminar held in India; and

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred and the main points discussed therein ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. India hosted the 33rd Conference of the Directors General of Civil Aviation of Asia and Pacific Region from 27th to 31st October, 1997. 151 delegates from Asia and Pacific Region, International Organisations and India participated in the Conference.

(b) While the expenditure on the delegates was borne by the respective countries, Government of India spent Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) on protocol arrangements. The main issues discussed in the Conference related to leased aircraft operations, harmonization of civil aviation regulations, air navigation, aviation safety and security, air transport, technical cooperation and regional planning.

*[Translation]***Renovation of Jamalpur Rail Factory**

4409. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to renovate/modernise the Jamalpur Rail Factory of the Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following works are in progress to renovate/modernise Jamalpur workshop :

Name of work	Year of sanction	Cost (Rs. in Crs.)
1	2	3
(i) Jamalpur workshop - Development of traction generator rewinding.	1987-88	3.34