

(c) whether imports are mostly increasing from hard-currency areas; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof together with the items that are generally imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The imports during the last five years are as follows:—

	<i>Rs. in crores</i>
1984-85	16.53
1985-86	7.97
1986-87	20.58
1987-88	16.24
1988-89	65.89

The Company has been mainly importing main engines, propulsion packages, scientific equipment, navigational aids, monitoring equipment, weapon packages etc.

Base Workshop for Overhauling Tanks and BMP-2 I.C.V.

7772. SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of the technical feasibility study initiated to determine the feasibility of undertaking the overhaul of T-72 tanks and BMP-2 Infantry Combat Vehicles within the same factory where they are manufac-

tured; and

(b) the estimated capital outlay involved in the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The study is still to be completed.

(b) In view of (a) above, the estimation of capital cost is not possible at this stage.

Ordnance Factory in Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra

7773. SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a part of the ongoing projects for modernisation of Ordnance factories, Government propose to instal four new factories for the manufacture of modern tanks, weapons and ammunitions; and

(b) if so, whether in view of the ideal location of Vidharba, Government propose to consider the desirability of setting up one such factory in that region also; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b). At present, there is no proposal with the Government for setting up any new ordnance factory for manufacture of modern tanks, weapons and ammunitions.

Migratory Birds to Chilka Lake

7774. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large-scale migration of birds to Chilka