

(b) and (c). HAL is presently engaged in phase I of the full scale Engineering Development of the light combat aircraft for producing technology demonstrator prototypes. The first one is targetted for 1995-1996.

[*Translation*]

#### **Capacity Expansion of Madhubani Doordarshan**

573. SHRI BHOGENDRAJHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the capacity of Madhubani Centre of Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). There is no approved scheme, at present, to increase the capacity of the low power (100W) TV transmitter functioning at Madhubani in Bihar.

#### **Population of Malthill Speaking People**

574. SHRI BHOGENDRAJHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of Maithili speaking people have not been published separately in the last two three census;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and unpublished population of Maithili speaking people as per 1951, 1961, 1971 and 1981 census respectively;

(c) whether clear cut orders have been issued to keep record of the persons speaking

various regional languages including Maithili during 1991 census;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The number of people returning Maithili as their mother tongue in the 1961 census was published separately. However the same has not been published separately in the last two censuses, namely, 1971 and 1981.

(b) In the 1971 and 1981 censuses, mother tongues were grouped in some cases under the relevant languages. This was done on the basis of information readily available or in the light of studies already made. Only the names of 'identifiable' mother tongues which returned 10,000 or more speakers each at the All India level were published under the languages with which these were grouped.

The number of persons with Maithili as mother tongue in the country according to the Censuses of 1951 and 1961 were 97,757 and 4,984,811 respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) The procedure regarding the publication of the 1991 census data on mother tongue/language has not been finalised.

#### **Arms from Foreign Countries**

575. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: