

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(b) if so, the reasons therefor and unpublished population of Maithili speaking people as per 1951, 1961, 1971 and 1981 census respectively;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

(a) whether large quantities of foreign arms have been seized from terrorists arrested in Punjab, Assam and J & K;

(b) if so, the names of the countries where these weapons were manufactured;

(c) whether the matter has been taken up with the concerned countries; and

(d) if so, their reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRISUBODHKANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). Large quantities of arms have been seized from terrorists arrested in Punjab and J & K. Weapons have also been recovered from ULFA activists in Assam. Some of the weapons are of foreign origin. In many cases, the manufacturing markings are found to have been erased.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Projects Pending for Approval from Gujarat

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

(a) whether some developmental projects of Gujarat are pending approval of the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not giving clearance to these projects; and

(d) the time by which clearance is

proposed to be given to these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRIKAMAL MORARKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Employment Scheme for Economically Weaker Sections

577. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT:
SHRI BALGOPAL MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has planned a scheme where by a member from each family belonging to economically weaker sections of the society would be given employment;

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme;

(c) whether the Union Government have asked other State Governments also to formulate such plans and if so, the names of States which have agreed to formulate such schemes; and

(d) whether the Union Government have agreed to help and assist the State Governments in formulating and implementing these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b). According to available information, the Government of Gujarat has drawn up a scheme of Zero Unemployment Programme under which at least one person from each family is expected to be employed remuneratively in private-sector, public sector, self-employment or wage employment jobs.