

(b) Number of those who came in 1985 and 1986

<i>Year</i>	<i>Tripura</i>	<i>Mizoram</i>
1985	NIL	NIL
1986	29,788	2,771
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(c) *Amount spent since 1971*

<i>Tripura</i>		<i>Mizoram</i>	
1978	Rs. 1.21 lakhs	1984-85	Rs. 5.00 lakhs
1981-82	Rs. 53.13 lakhs	1985-86	Rs. 10.00 lakhs
*1986-87	Rs. 227.36 lakhs		
	Rs. 281.70 lakhs		Rs. 15.00 lakhs

*upto January, 1987

The figure of expenditure in Mizoram is about Chakma tribals only. The amount indicated is the one that was sanctioned by Government of India and does not include the amount that may have been spent by Mizoram Government.

Self Sufficiency in Sophisticated Arms

*622. PROF. MADHU DANDA-VATE :
SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India is self-sufficient in sophisticated arms; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) and (b) No country can be self-sufficient in sophisticated arms in absolute terms because the cost of development and production of latest-technology weapon systems is prohibitive while the rate of obsolescence of the weapon systems is very rapid.

2. Sophisticated weapon systems are inducted into the armed forces keeping in view the security environment, need to modernise and update the equipment of our armed forces and the threat posed by our potential adversaries who have been acquiring latest technology weapon systems off the

shelf. While absolute self-sufficiency in sophisticated weapon systems is not possible, we have achieved a large measure of self-reliance through indigenous development and licence production of various weapon systems. At the same time, considerable progress has been made through our Defence R & D for the indigenous development of sophisticated technology weapon systems like Main Battle Tank (MBT), Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), Low Level Radar etc.

[*Translation*]

Purchase of Milk from Co-operative Milk Association/Government Dairies for Armed Forces

*623. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry has issued written orders to the effect that when milk is required for the armed forces, it should be procured through the State Co-operative Milk Association or Government dairies ;