

Please sit down. May I request you to sit down?

Shri Tulshidas Jadhav: I shall show you the rules.

Mr. Speaker: The rules are there, I know. Even if I have committed a mistake, you should not question it here. I am prepared to hear you point out to me any mistake later on; if I find that I have made a mistake, I shall myself correct it and apologise that I have committed a mistake. But my ruling cannot be questioned now.

Prof Samar Guha: Sir, there is one question....

Mr. Speaker: Will you kindly sit down! There is no point of order. I know you want to ask a question. You should consult your leader when you want to do these things. Let us maintain some order here. The new Members would do well to consult their leaders and then do these things. I have called Mr. Yashpal Singh. If proceedings are interrupted like this, how can we function?

Prof Samar Guha: Could I not appeal to the Chair about some matters?

Mr. Speaker: Not like this. May I request him to sit down?

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Production in Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Kanpur

*203. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production in the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Kanpur has been very unsatisfactory during the years 1965 and 1966;

(b) if so, whether an inquiry has been instituted to assess the correct position; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. R. Bhagat):

(a) The production in Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (Kanpur) has not been according to schedule in 1965 and 1966.

(b) No, Sir. The programme of production is being regularly reviewed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited management and in the Department of Defence Production and everything possible is being done to improve it.

(c) Does not arise.

Ordnance Factories

*204. **Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri S. K. Sambandhan:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ordnance factories at present in India; and

(b) the progress made so far by the various factories to fulfil the requirements of the country?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. R. Bhagat):

(a) Twenty-five.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Production in Ordnance Factories cover a very wide field of activities involving specialised technology including production of ammunition, transport vehicles, supply dropping equipment, clothing and a large range of general stores.

2. In the matter of Arms and Ammunition, in order to modernise rapidly the weapons' system of the Services, the manufacture of a number of

new items of equipment established earlier has been considerably stepped up. In addition, the objective of increased self-sufficiency has been pursued and the manufacture of a number of new items has been established.

3. As regards vehicles, a large percentage of the requirements of the Armed Forces are met by the Ordnance Factories.

4. The requirements of the Armed Forces for garments and parachutes are also completely met by Ordnance Factories. A wide range of General Stores such as, Jerricans, POL Barrels and Barbed Wire Concertina and Feild Cables etc. are also supplied by the Factories.

5. As some of the factories are very old with outmoded plan and equipment, a comprehensively Five Year Plan for rehabilitation and modernisation has been framed.

6. Three more Ordnance Factories, one each at Ambajhari, Chanda and Jabalpur are being established.

Map Published in U.S.A. about 'United States of Bengal'

*205. **Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that a map of proposed "United States of Bengal" including East and West Bengal, Nagaland and Tripura had been published in U.S.A.; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action on that?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) The Government are not aware of any map of a so-called "United States of Bengal" having been published in the U.S.A.

(b) Does not arise.

हनुई को सहायता भेजने के हेतु विमान की भारतीय क्षेत्र पर से उड़ान

* 206. **श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :**
श्री राम सिंह :

क्या बंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रूस सरकार ने हनुई को सहायता भेजने के हेतु विमान की भारतीय क्षेत्र पर से उड़ान करने के लिये भारत सरकार की अनुमति मांगी है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर भारत सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

बंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री सु० क० चागला) :
जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Air Weapons Supply Contract between U.K. and Saudi Arabia

*207. **Shri R. Barua:** Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to U.K.'s. £300 million air weapons supply contract with Saudi Arabia;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether any part of these weapons are likely to be transferred to Pakistan, thereby jeopardising India's security?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Surendra Pal Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A threat to India's security interests may arise if any part of these weapons is transferred to Pakistan.

(c) The Government of India propose to remain vigilant, but as yet no information has come to light of any such transfer of weapons having taken place.