SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: As a matter of fact, all these matters are taken into consideration before the pay seales are fixed.

Performance by Indian Submarines during War

*146. SHRI P. GANGADEB SHRI P. M. MEHTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the performance of the Indian submarines was found satisfactory during the war with Pakistan; and
- (b) whether the present fleet of submarmes is sufficient to guard the vast Indian territory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VID\ A CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present fleet of submarines is considered quite effective. Further steps to strengthen the submarine arm are in hand.

SHRI P. M. MEHTA: May I know the strength of the fleet, that is, the number of submarines, and whether all the submarines are equipped with modern equipment?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA; The number of submarines is a classified information, which I am sorry I cannot disclose here. The equipment which they have is also classified information which also I cannot disclose.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member wanted to know whether the equipment was modern.

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: These submarines are modern, and they have proved thier utility during the recent conflict, by keeping the enemy ships and hostile ships away from our cost and effectively by checking the movement of ships in the Arabian Sea and also in the Bay of Bengal.

SHRI P. V. G. RAJU: May I know whether we can expect to own nuclear submarines, and whether there is any proposal to train our officers and sailors in collaboration with the USSR because we have a nuclear adjustment treaty with them?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: At present, there is no proposal to acquire or to own nuclear submarines. As far as the officers and sailors who man the submarines are concerned, we have a plan according to which we keep on training our officers and men in handling the submarines that we acquire.

SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: May I know whether the hon. Minister will consider a proposal to increase the number of submarines and locate some of the submarines in South India at strategic points, bocause the Arabian Sea, the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean have to be guarded?

MR. SPEAKER: I do not think that North India needs any submarines.

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: In reply to part (b) of the main question, I have stated:

"Further steps to strengthen the submarine arm are in hand."

This answers the first part of the hon. Member's question. Regarding the second part of his question, I would like to say that we always locate submarines at convenient places.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी: न्या यह सच है कि हमारी पनडुब्बियों पर काम करने वाले अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों का प्रशिक्षण कुछ अरब देशों के कर्मचारियों के साथ हो रहा है, तो क्या हमने इस बात का ध्यान रखा है कि इस संबंध में सुरक्षा ब्यवस्था में किसी प्रकार की कमी न हो ?

श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल: आपने जो कहा है में उसकी पून: जांच करू गा, लेकिन जहां तक मुझे मालम है ऐसी कोई बात नहीं है कि किसी दूसरे देश के निवासियों को इनके साथ सम्बन्धित किया है। फिर भी मैं इसको एक बार देखा लंगा । मैं माननीय सदस्य को आश्वासन देना चाहता है कि जो भी काम हम करते हैं, छोटा, बड़ा या मध्यम श्रेणी का. उसमें सबसे पहले अपनी सुरक्षा का ध्यान रखते है. बाकी चीजों का बाद में।

SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO: I have seen the extremely difficult conditions under which our officers and sailors work in submarines. We all know that men count more than the machines. So what type of facilities and amenities are they providing to these men? If not, what do Government propose to do for these brave young men?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: At present, I do not have any information if any special allowances or particular facilities are demaned by the officers and sailors serving in the sumarines. As far as I know, there is know discontent on any particular matter. Most of them go there as volunteers from the Navy and there is no difficulty as as the officers and men are concerned.

सरकारी उद्योगों को हए लाभ और हानि

*149. श्री फुलचन्द वर्मा : न्या विल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि वर्ष 1970-71 के दौरान सरकारी उद्योगों में कितना लाभ हुआ अथवा कितनी हानि हुई ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

As on 31st March, 1971, there were 97 undertakings directly under the management of Central Government, including 8 undertakings under construction, which had not gone into operation and one undertaking which had just commenced functioning. Excluding these, and the L. I. C., the performance of 87 running concerns (including promotional undertakings) has shown an improvement as compared to the previous year; the overall net loss being Rs. 3.4 crores, as against Rs. 4.9 crores in the previous year. 50 enterprises had made a net profit of Rs. 74.91 crores, after depreciation, interest and taxes, while 37 undertakings incurred a net loss of Rs. 78.29 crores.

In the case of L. I. C., the results of the Eighth valuation, as on 31st March, 1971, covering the period from 1.4.1969 to 31.3.1971, has disclosed a distributable profit of Rs. 115.98 crores. Of this a sum of Rs. 110-18 crores has been allocated to the participating policy-holders, and a sum of Rs. 5.80 crores to the Central Government.

श्री फुलचन्द वर्मा: ये जो 87 प्रतिष्ठान चाल हालत में हैं, उनपर कूल पुँजी की लागत क्या है ?

SHRI K. R. GANESH: The total investment in 97 public sector enterprises at the end of 1970-71 amounted to Rs. 4682 crores.

श्री फुलचन्द वर्मा: इस लागत प्जी पर व्यापारिक आधार पर ब्याज का लाभ जनता के रुपये पर मिल मके. ऐसी स्थिति कब निर्मित होगी तथा इसके लिये आपने अभी तक क्या-क्या कदम उठाये है और भविष्य में इस सम्बन्ध में आप क्या कार्यवाही करने जा रहे है ?

SHRI K. R. GANESH: Taking into account the various undertakings which have made profit and loss, the overall nett loss is Rs. 3.4 crores against Rs. 4.9 crores in the previous year. Out of these, 50 undertakings have made a profit of Rs. 74.91 crores as against Rs. 70.97 crores last year. It is necessary to point out that the nett loss of Rs. 3.38 crores has been arrived at after allowing Rs. 188 crores for depreciation and