

Mirage Complex in Pakistan

*216. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether the French Trade Minister denied the intention of France for setting up a Mirage Complex in Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI BANSI LAL): The French Minister of Foreign Trade in the discussion with Raksha Utpadan Mantri clarified that France had no plans for setting up production facilities for military aircraft in Pakistan.

Parity of Industrial Production, Costs and Prices with Agriculture

*217. SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether industrial production, costs, and prices continue to be out of parity with that of agriculture; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to remedy this imbalance and bring about a healthy correlation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) and (b). There is no direct correlation between industrial production and prices and agricultural production and prices, as different factors determine the production and price behaviour in these two sectors. Although figures for recent months are not available, it is likely that during 1975-76 the rate of growth in agricultural production would be higher than that of industrial production. Wholesale prices of agricultural commodities are also likely to record a greater decline than the prices of industrial products. Although it is desirable that there should be an integrated approach towards the pricing policy of agricultural commodities and industrial

commodities, particularly those which are inputs for agricultural production and industrial products which are consumed by agriculturists, there are certain difficulties in the application of such a policy. The important factor in this regard is that neither industrial nor agricultural production is fully under Government control. Similarly, the price control on both agricultural and industrial products is limited only to a few items. It has, however, been the policy of Government to work for a balanced growth in industrial and agricultural production so that the movement of prices in these two sectors is correlated as far as possible.

Electrification of Villages in West Bengal, Bihar, Assam, Orissa and Himachal Pradesh on Priority Basis

*218. SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made survey to provide electricity on priority basis to villages in West Bengal, Bihar, Assam, Orissa and Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Wagon Manufacturing Unit in Foreign Country

*219. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a wagon manufacturing unit in a foreign country; and

(b) if so, the outlines of the proposal?