

**Research to Produce an Ultramodern  
and Sophisticated Fighter Plane**

\*143. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics is doing research to produce an ultramodern and sophisticated fighter plane, which might be used by the Indian Air Force in 1980; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited is carrying out studies for design of an Advanced Aircraft for meeting the requirements of IAF.

(b) The study is still continuing.

**Plan to Start a Tourist Centre at  
Nelliampathi, Kerala**

\*144. SHRI A. K. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having any plan to start a Tourist Centre at Nelliampathi, District Palghat, Kerala;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Shortage of Small Coins**

\*145. SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any improvement in the availability of small coins in the country; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and next course of action to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH): (a) There has been considerable improvement in the availability of small coins in the country.

(b) The position will improve further with (a) the melting of small coins and hoarding of such coins for purposes of melting having been made an offence in law, and (b) the changes made in the alloys to be used for minting the 10 paise, 25 paise and 50 paise coins, with a view to stepping up the pace of output of these denominations.

**Closure of Gauhati Refinery due to  
Accumulation of Finished Products**

\*146. SHRI R. P. DAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gauhati Refinery is facing shut down due to the accumulation of finished products as a result of dislocation of wagon movement;

(b) if so, the extent thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to regularise the wagon supply therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.