

**Shifting of Vehicle Research and Development Establishment from Ahmednagar to Avadi**

\*598. Shri Madhu Limaye:

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Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:

Shri George Fernandes:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who are likely to be thrown out of employment as a result of shifting of Vehicle Research and Development Establishment from Ahmednagar to Avadi;

(b) the expenditure involved in shifting it and the loss likely to be sustained in terms of the abandoned buildings; and

(c) the Compensation|alternative jobs which will be given to the workmen rendered unemployed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. R. Bhagat):  
(a) to (c). No employee need be thrown out of employment as a result of the shift of the Vehicles Research and Development Establishment from Ahmednagar to Avadi as there will be no reduction in establishment. Employees who are not liable, in accordance with their terms and conditions of service, to move with the Establishment on the transfer of its location, and are either not offered alternative posts or do not accept offers of alternative posts, will be given terminal benefits as admissible under the relevant Government orders.

The expenditure involved in shifting the installation from Ahmednagar to Avadi has been estimated at Rs. 2.88 lakhs. The buildings vacated at Ahmednagar will be utilised by other Defence Establishments and there will accordingly be no loss on this account.

**Caribou Aircraft acquired by IAF**

\*599. Shri Indrajit Gupta: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some or most of the Caribou Aircraft acquired for the IAF from Canada are inoperative for lack of spare parts from Canada; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

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

(a) Serviceability of these aircraft has been affected to some extent by lack of spares.

(b) Steps have been taken in the matter, and the bulk of the spares required have already been received while the remaining quantity is likely to be received shortly.

**Telephone|Radio Communications between Army Chiefs of India and Pakistan**

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Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times direct telephone|radio communications established between the Chief of Army Staff, India and the Commander-in-Chief, Pakistan Army have been put to use, since these were established; and

(b) whether it has served any useful purpose?

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

(a) On 13 occasions.

(b) The arrangement has proved useful particularly in dealing with matters which might lead to misunderstanding or be calculated to cause unnecessary tension or with disputes which have actually caused some tension.