

have now been transferred to the private sector for manufacture;

(b) whether his attention has been drawn to the decision of the Director-General, Ordnance Factories Industrial Council meeting held on the 22nd to 24th January, 1968 at Ordnance Factory, Tiruchirapalli on the discontinuation of placing order outside the ordnance factories; and

(c) if so, the steps contemplated by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) This applies only to a few of the general stores and clothing items. In the wake of the emergency in 1962 additional capacity had to be created in the Ordnance Factories to meet the increased requirements of the Services. As these items are now available at cheaper rates in the civil sector, orders are being placed through D.G.S. & D., sometimes to meet part and sometimes to meet the full requirements of the Services after taking into account cost considerations, available capacity in Ordnance Factories, delivery schedules, etc.

(b) The Agenda and the proceedings of the Industrial Council Meeting centred on the diversion of orders to civil trade of components/accessories of arms and ammunition items. Government are aware of the recommendations of the Industrial Council meeting.

(c) In the case of items connected with the production of arms and ammunition where it is necessary and possible to augment the D.G.O.F.'s capacity to meet the Services requirements, orders have been placed in the civil sector for manufacture of certain components/accessories. In the case of ordinary general stores and clothing items Ordnance Factories are not likely to be called upon in future to set up additional capacities.

INDIAN ECONOMY

*731. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has given up the ideal of reaching the "take-off" stage by the Indian economy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, when the Indian economy will reach the 'take-off' stage at the rate the Indian economy is passing through at present?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) There is no question of giving up our aim. The whole structure of our Plans is based on the objective of attaining self-sustaining growth.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The assessment made at the time of the preparation of the Draft Outline of the Fourth Five-Year Plan which was presented to Parliament in August, 1966, visualised the economy attaining self-reliance by the beginning of the Sixth Plan period. A fresh view is now being taken in the light of the factors which have been in evidence since.

PRESS SET UP BY MIZO HOSTILES IN EAST PAKISTAN

*732. SHRI D. C. SHARMA :
SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA :
SHRI HIMATSINGKA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Mizo hostiles have decided to open a Press at Rangamati in East Pakistan to print their propaganda material according to a document seized by the Army from some hostiles;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether the matter has been taken up with the Pakistan Government; and

(d) if so, the result thereof?