

**Jammu-Srinagar Highway**

\*1434. SHRI M. L. SONDDHI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 182-mile Jammu-Srinagar highway gets clogged with snow during winter every year;

(b) whether heavy snow on this highway brings the vehicular traffic to a standstill when location of the road becomes difficult and skidding becomes easier; and

(c) whether Government propose to make some permanent arrangements to clear this highway on a regular basis in winter ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. Certain stretches of this Highway are subject to heavy snowfall during winter.

(b) When there is heavy and continuous snowfall, through traffic is disrupted; but, location of road has not so far presented any difficulty.

(c) Yes, Sir. The matter is receiving attention.

**Purchase of Arms by Rebel Nagas from Portugal**

\*1435. DR. SURYA PRAKASH PURI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that rebel Nagas have taken steps to purchase large quantity of arms from Portugal; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in regard thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) : While Government of India keep a careful watch on the contacts of the Naga Underground with foreign powers, they have no information about alleged contacts with Portugal. Naturally, Government of India regard the supply of arms and ammunition to the Naga Underground by any foreign country as a hostile act directed towards India.

**Production of Aircrafts at H. A. L.**

\*1436. SHRI HIMATSINGKA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has been producing various types of air-crafts without having orders for them ;

(b) if so, the number and nature of aircrafts produced during the last year and those under production at the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. without securing orders ; and

(c) how far orders for those already produced have been received and what further steps are being taken to ensure that the aircrafts produced do not simply accumulate for want of orders causing freeze in the investment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**High Power Transmitter Near Alleppey, Kerala**

8334. SHRI P. VISHWAMBHARAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are thinking in terms of dropping the installation of a high power transmitter near Alleppey in Kerala State ;

(b) whether the Chief Minister of Kerala has recently written to him to expedite steps for the installation of the high power transmitter at Allepey and if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, the Chief Minister of Kerala did send a letter dated 5th February, 1968 in reply to one seeking his assistance in the matter of acquisition of land at a reasonable price for the installation of a transmitter at Alleppey, pointing out that the action in the circumstances should be taken at our end.