

new items of equipment established earlier has been considerably stepped up. In addition, the objective of increased self-sufficiency has been pursued and the manufacture of a number of new items has been established.

3. As regards vehicles, a large percentage of the requirements of the Armed Forces are met by the Ordnance Factories.

4. The requirements of the Armed Forces for garments and parachutes are also completely met by Ordnance Factories. A wide range of General Stores such as, Jerricans, POL Barrels and Barbed Wire Concertina and Feild Cables etc. are also supplied by the Factories.

5. As some of the factories are very old with outmoded plan and equipment, a comprehensively Five Year Plan for rehabilitation and modernisation has been framed.

6. Three more Ordnance Factories, one each at Ambajhari, Chanda and Jabalpur are being established.

Map Published in U.S.A. about 'United States of Bengal'

*205. **Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that a map of proposed "United States of Bengal" including East and West Bengal, Nagaland and Tripura had been published in U.S.A.; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action on that?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) The Government are not aware of any map of a so-called "United States of Bengal" having been published in the U.S.A.

(b) Does not arise.

हनुई को सहायता भेजने के हेतु विमान की भारतीय क्षेत्र पर से उड़ान

* 206. **श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :**
श्री राम सिंह :

क्या बंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रूस सरकार ने हनुई को सहायता भेजने के हेतु विमान की भारतीय क्षेत्र पर से उड़ान करने के लिये भारत सरकार की अनुमति मांगी है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर भारत सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

बंदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री सु० क० चागला) :
जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Air Weapons Supply Contract between U.K. and Saudi Arabia

*207. **Shri R. Barua:** Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to U.K.'s. £300 million air weapons supply contract with Saudi Arabia;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether any part of these weapons are likely to be transferred to Pakistan, thereby jeopardising India's security?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Surendra Pal Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A threat to India's security interests may arise if any part of these weapons is transferred to Pakistan.

(c) The Government of India propose to remain vigilant, but as yet no information has come to light of any such transfer of weapons having taken place.