

(c) if so, the reaction of Iran thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Government have seen press report of what is stated to have been said by the Shahinshah of Iran in the course of his recent visit to Pakistan.

(b) and (c). We are taking up the matter with the Iranian Government

Talks with underground Nagas

*15. Shri C. C. Desai:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fifth round of talks between the Underground Naga delegation and the Prime Minister has yielded any results;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) to (c). The talks that have been held so far on five different occasions with the representatives of the Naga Underground were essentially of an exploratory nature. During the talks efforts were made to find areas of general agreement against the background of the Government of India's clear position on the subject, namely, that Nagaland is an integral part of the Indian Union. Although the Underground Delegation maintained that they were then not in a position to make a departure from the stand that they have publicly taken, they have agreed to think over the matter in the light of the discussions held so far and have expressed their desire to hold further talks on the subject at a future date. In keeping with their desire to seek a peaceful solution in all such cases the Government of India have expressed their willingness to hold the door open for further talks.

Atomic Power Station, Tarapore

*16. Shri George Fernandes: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state.

(a) how many villages will have to be abandoned by the local population due to the construction and commissioning of the Atomic Power Project at Tarapore in Maharashtra;

(b) how many families will have to be rehabilitated as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to provide employment and land to those who will be deprived of their land and means of livelihood?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) to (c). The inhabitants of only one hamlet (Pada) numbering approximately 100 families are being shifted from the immediate vicinity of the Atomic Power Station at Tarapur to a new Gaothan in a nearby area where they will be rehabilitated close to their agricultural lands, which are not being acquired for the Station

Shooting down of intruding Pakistani Plane in February, 1967

*17. Shri Nath Pai:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Balraj Madhok:
Shri Onkarlal Berwa:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Pak Plane introduced into the Indian territory in February, 1967 and was brought down by the I.A.F. plane; and

(b) the substance in the Pak claim that the plane was piloted by a student and that it was an unarmed trainer aircraft?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). On the 2nd February, 1967, at 12.59 hours, a Pakistani aircraft crossed into the Indian territory near Ferozpur in conditions of clear weather and good

visibility. The aircraft was flying at about 5000 feet above the ground level and continued to fly into Indian air-space in an easterly direction and turned further North and then South. When this aircraft had intruded to a depth of 48 Kilometers inside Indian territory, an IAF aircraft was ordered to intercept it. The IAF intercepting aircraft spotted the Pakistani aircraft at 13.15 hrs. and made several attempts to contact the Pakistani aircraft on the Radio telephone. Since there was no response, the Indian aircraft flew alongside the Pakistani aircraft, waggled its wings and then flew ahead with a view to leading the Pakistani aircraft to an Indian airfield. The Pakistani aircraft started descending fast in a violent evasive action. The IAF intercepting aircraft then fired a warning burst but despite this warning, the Pakistani aircraft continued its evasive action and tried to escape. The IAF intercepting aircraft was, therefore, obliged to shoot down the Pakistani aircraft. The Pakistani aircraft was shot down at 13.30 hours and the pilot of the Pakistani aircraft died.

The unprecedented deep intrusion of this aircraft, the suspicious behaviour of the pilot and his failure to land, gave the impression that he may have been on some reconnaissance mission. Since the aircraft was equipped with VHF (Very High Frequency) set and VOR (very high frequency omni range), the pilot could not have strayed so far into Indian territory inadvertently, specially as the visibility in the area was very good and the weather was perfectly clear.

The inspection of the wreckage of the aircraft revealed that the Pilot had no military insignia or rank badges but was in civilian clothes. According to the documents found in the wreckage of the aircraft, he was an employee of the P.I.A. The aircraft was not armed, but the use of such aircraft is not restricted to training only.

Production of M.I.Gs.

*18. **Shri C. C. Desai:**
Dr. Karni Singh:
Shri Ramachandra Ulka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavaia:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the MIG complex has been fully constructed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the production of MIGs has started; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Construction of factory buildings has made considerable progress. Procurement of Plant, Machinery, equipment, translation of documents, recruitment and training of personnel are progressing satisfactorily to match a coordinated programme of manufacture.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The production of the aircraft at the MIG factories is planned in four stages viz. from Major Assemblies, from Sub Assemblies, from detailed parts and from raw materials. The first phase commenced during 1966-67 and some aircraft have been delivered to the Air Force. The aircraft under the last phase would start coming out of the production line in about 3 years.

High-Power Transmitters for Border Areas

1. **Dr. Karni Singh:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposals to set up high-power transmitters on border areas have been finalised;
- (b) when will these transmitters be actually set up; and
- (c) whether the work is going on according to the schedule?