

(b) if so, whether Government have made any arrangement to receive these repatriated Indian labourers ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir. Government have seen the Press reports.

(b) and (c) The Hon'ble Member may kindly refer to the information given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 614 answered on the 30th July, 1970.

#### **Purchase of Missile Boats From USSR**

\*219. SHRI N. SHIVAPP : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India is approaching Moscow for purchasing missile boats in the Navy, fighters helicopters and transport aircraft in Air Force and missiles, medium guns and tanks in the Army ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is not in a position to produce these in India ; and

(c) if so, how much time it will take to become self-reliant in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIWAN RAM) : (a) To meet our requirements, we are procuring some military supplies from the USSR and other countries for our Defence Forces and it would not be in public interest to disclose the details.

(b) and (c) : Our policy is to produce in the country important defence requirements. Frigates, Fighter aircrafts, helicopters and transport aircraft are already under production in the country. Some imports are necessary to supplement quantities produced in the country or of types, which it is not economic to manufacture. With increasingly high sophistication in weapon systems, efforts towards self-sufficiency is a continuous process and each year, there is significant improvement in this respect.

#### **Mysterious murder of Military Officers posted in Jammu and Kashmir**

\*220. SHRI RAM GOPAL SHALWALE :

SHRI JAGANNATH RAO JOSHI :  
SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :  
SHRI HUKAM CHAND  
KACHWAI :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some military officers posted in Jammu and Kashmir have been murdered mysteriously during the last few months ;

(b) if so, the number of Military officers thus murdered mysteriously during the last six months and the number of Gazetted and Non-Gazetted Officers out of them ;

(c) whether Government has instituted an inquiry into it ; and

(d) if so, the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIWAN RAM) : (a) No, Sir. (b) to (d) : Do not arise.

#### **Opening of a S.T.C. Office in Hongkong**

\*221. SHRI BABURAO PATEL :  
SHRI R.K. BIRLA :  
SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation is planning to open an office in Hong Kong ;

(b) if so, when and the cost of running the office ; and

(c) the name of the local company with which the STC will enter into collaboration with salient details of collaboration agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) : Negotiations for collaboration agreement with Hongkong firms are in progress and a final decision has not been taken so far.