

Hindustan Aircraft Ltd.

*1631. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Hindustan Aircraft Ltd, Bangalore, has manufactured aero-engines,

(b) if so, the cost of the engines; and

(c) whether there is likely to be continuous production of such aero-engines?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence (**Shri Fateenah-rao Gaekwad**): (a) Yes, Sir. A prototype four cylinder aero-engine has been developed and manufactured at the Hindustan Aircraft Ltd, it is at present undergoing development trials.

(b) The cost of the engine can be stated with accuracy only after prototype has passed trials and production is planned.

(c) The question of going into full production will be decided after the development trials are over and the type certificate has been obtained.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether we were importing these aero-engines, and if so, whether after our production there will be less imports?

Mr. Speaker: In reply to part (c) of the question, he has said, the question will be considered after testing.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I want to know whether we were importing and whether we are now manufacturing, just for my information.

Mr. Speaker: Part (c) of the question is "whether there is likely to be continuous production of such aero-engines?" The hon. Parliamentary Secretary has just said that it is in the trial stage, and if it proves successful the matter will be considered. How can we expect him to answer whether he will stop imports? Hon. Members will themselves consider what question ought to be put and what not.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I only wanted to know whether we have been importing.

Mr. Speaker: How can it be done, when the engine is being tested. Unless it is satisfactory, how can he say that he is not going to import any more?

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I want to know when this will be finalised.

The Minister of Defence (**Shri Krishna Menon**): To help him I can tell him we are not going to import such engines. As to when it will be finalised, the answer will be unscientific because it depends upon the trials.

Mr. Speaker: Whether the trials succeed or not, there will be no more imports? That is what he wants to know.

Shri Krishna Menon: The trials will succeed. Nothing fails if you try long enough.

Architectural Remains at Osia, Rajasthan

*1632. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state.

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to press reports regarding the dilapidated condition of temples and other architectural remains at Osia Rajasthan State, and

(b) what arrangements for the preservation of the valuable relics are being made by the Department of Archaeology?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (**Shri Humayun Kabir**): (a) No, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to select some of them for protection and thereafter all necessary measures will be taken.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: May I know why, when in a paper like the *Statesman* there is a special report which refers to the dilapidated condition of the architectural remains in Osia, Government seems to be unaware of the position altogether?