

million air combat manoeuvring system last year from the U.S. Government; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the deal as well as use alongwith its programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Air Combat Manoeuvring System is a modern training aid, which can provide realistic, safe and cost effective air-to-air combat training. The acquisition of such a system is under consideration. However, it would not be in the public interest to disclose further details in this regard.

#### Security Threat to Naval Establishment in Visakhapatnam

4211. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any security threat to Naval Establishment in Visakhapatnam port in view of the commissioning of an Ammonia Storage Plant by Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) whether every aspect in this regard has been considered before granting permission to the said Ammonia Storage Plant ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b). The Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board has cleared the project, after due consideration and the provision of necessary safeguards has also been assured. However, the Naval Headquarters are reviewing the matter in consultation with the concerned authorities, to ensure that the safety/security aspects are fully met.

#### Mining of Rough Diamonds in Africa

4212. SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN :  
DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI :  
SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a move for India to enter into joint exploration and mining of rough diamonds in African countries;

(b) whether MMTC has been entrusted to undertake this task; if to, details thereof;

(c) number of the countries with whom agreement is to be made;

(d) the terms and conditions of the agreement; and

(e) when this agreement is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) to (e). MMTC is entrusted with the responsibility of procuring rough diamonds. In pursuance of this, MMTC has been exploring possibilities of entering into joint ventures for exploration and mining of diamonds in countries like Ghana, Sierra Leone, Botswana etc. However, no agreement has been signed so far.

#### Reconstitution of Coffee Board

4213. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to State :

(a) whether Government have reconstituted the Coffee Board;

(b) if so, the names of the members; and

(c) whether there is any representation from Andhra Pradesh on the Board ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (c). A statement is given below :

#### Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Besides Chairman, Coffee Board the other members of the Coffee Board constituted w.e.f. 28th August, 1987 include :