

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) Yes, Sir A portion of Punkha Road approximately 1300 metres is in a bad state of repairs

(b) This part of the road does not remain submerged in water during the rains. However, there is no lighting arrangement on this portion of the road

(c) and (d) The stretch of road approximately 1300 metres which begins from the railway crossing to the place where it joins the Station Road falls within the Delhi Cantt This was originally built by the civil authorities This portion has now been reclassified as Military Road w e f 13-3-1978 Prior to this essential repairs costing Rs 54,645 were carried out by Headquarters Delhi Area in 1974-75, although it was not under the control of Defence at that time Headquarters Delhi Area have now sanctioned a project for improving, widening and provision of street lights, road drainage on this road at an estimated cost of Rs 4 83 lakhs. The road will also be widened from its existing width of 4 876 metres to 7 315 metres.

Ownership of newspapers

9632 SHRI KIRIT BIKRAM DEB BURMAN Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to set up a new panel to study the question of ownership of newspapers by big Houses, and

(b) if so, the proposed terms of reference of this panel?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir It has been decided to set up the Second Press Commission which is expected to examine inter-alia the ownership pattern and financial structure of organs of the Press

(b) The terms of reference are being finalised.

Tenders regarding purchase of deep striking planes

9833 SHRI K LAKKAPPA Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) the number of proposals received by Government and/or under consideration of Government for purchase of deep strike penetrative planes from abroad,

(b) whether any global tender was invited for the purpose,

(c) if so, the details thereof and, alongwith the number and names of the countries which responded to such global tender, and if not, why not,

(d) whether it is a fact that Government are only processing various offers from British firms; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) Three proposals namely those from the manufacturers of the French Mirage F1, the Britisher Jaguar and the Swedish Viggen are under consideration in this regard.

(b) and (c) We do not invite global tenders in the case of such sensitive defence equipment. On the basis of information gathered by our Air Force experts, published material and similar other sources of information, the above mentioned three aircrafts are under consideration

(d) No, Sir

(e) Does not arise

Recruitment Rules in JCB Press

9834 SHRI H S MAHALE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Un-