

Manufacture of Anti-Tank Guided Missiles by Pakistan

3561. SHRI RANJEET SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received information that anti-tank guided missiles are being manufactured in Pakistan ;

(b) if so, the estimated capacity of the factory, its location and the date of its completion ; and

(c) the date by which India will be manufacturing anti-tank guided missiles ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The factory is located at WAH and it commenced production of the missiles in 1965. Though sufficiently reliable information regarding the manufacturing capacity is known, it would not be desirable to reveal it.

(c) It is not in public interest to disclose this information.

Invitation of Madame Binh to Provisional Revolutionary Government of Vietnam

3562. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :
SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM :
SHRI K. M. KAUSHIK :
SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO :
SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of India recently extended an invitation to Madame Binh, chief spokesman of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of Vietnam at Paris talks ; and

(b) if so, whether plans for visit of Madam Binh have been finalised ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) The Minister of External Affairs has already informed the House while replying to part (a) of Starred Question No. 83 answered on the 25th February, 1970, that he had mentioned to Madame Binh when she had met her in Hanoi that she would be most welcome to

come to India so that we would have an opportunity to discuss further with her the situation in Vietnam.

(b) No, Sir.

Setting up of a Jute Mill at Paradeep

3565. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa produces nearly 6 per cent of the country's jute ;

(b) whether Government of Orissa have recommended to Government for granting licence to set up a jute mill at Paradeep ;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any decision in the matter ; and

(d) if so, the details of the decision taken and if not, the reasons for delay ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The feasibility of establishing a mill at Paradeep is under examination.

Uranium Deposits in Bihar

3566. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that rich uranium deposits have been located in Bihar ;

(b) if so, the area where uranium deposits have been discovered and whether any assessment of the deposits have been made ; and

(c) if so, the estimated extent of the deposits and the extent to which the new discovery is likely to help the Atomic Power expansion in the country ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b). Uranium deposits have been found in the Singhbhum Thrust Belt of Bihar where commercial mining is being undertaken by the Uranium Corporation of India Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy. Exploratory work to prove the reserves underground is also being undertaken at Bhatin