

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV) :

(a) The Fifth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalized. The provision proposed in the draft Fifth Five Year Plan for the Visakhapatnam and Vijayanagar Steel Projects put together is Rs. 250 crores.

(b) An area of 2,641.4 hectares (6,604 acres) has been acquired so far for the steel plant and slag-dump, out of a total requirement of 3,608.4 hectares (9,021 acres). The Steel Authority of India Limited expect to commission shortly the Detailed Project Report for the plant. Meantime detailed studies are in hand for development of infrastructure facilities.

(c) The Budget provision proposed for 1975-76 for this Project, which in the Central Sector, is Rs. 1.25 crores.

Dual Purpose Aircraft

*435. **SHRI B. V. NAIK :** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any action has been taken to make the civilian aircraft of Indian Airlines into dual purpose planes to become convertible and usable to defence purposes immediately in case of emergency or war ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Different types of aircrafts are needed for performing specific roles. The civilian aircrafts are capable of being used only in the transportation role. In an emergency, these aircrafts are put to such use.

Air Craft for I.A.F.

*436. **SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :**

SHRI JAGANNATH RAO JOSHI :

will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a criticism published in the 'Indian

Express' dated the 21st October, 1974 that the Indian Air Force's urgent and compelling need were sufficient numbers of long range strike aircraft which would replace two-generation-old aircraft and that the I. A. F. was virtually 'deaf and toothless', in the area of maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare;

(b) what are the facts in this regard and the action being taken; and

(c) how long it will take for the IAF to fulfil these needs?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) to

(c) Government have seen the book entitled 'Aircraft of the Indian Air Force, (1933-73)' as also the report, based on it, in the Indian Express dated 21st October, 1974. The opinion expressed by the author is his own. Attention in this connection is invited to the following portions in the foreward written by the previous Chief of the Air Staff :—

(i) "The 1971 war gave proof, if proof were needed, that the I.A.F. is now a mature, strong and versatile force, fit to take its place along side other world air forces" and (ii) "...lacking access to official information in some cases (the author) has ventured his own opinions as to why certain things have been done the way they have." Modernisation of the Indian Air Force, to enable it to fulfil its commitments, has been a continuing process, consistent with the availability of resources and the types of aircraft needed by us. This includes the induction of long range strike aircraft as well as maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare aircraft.

Spreading of Malaria in Orissa

*437. **SHRI D. K. PANDA :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Malaria is spreading in Orissa ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to curb it?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. KARAN SINGH): Orissa; and

(a) and (b) The following steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to curb the spread of malaria in Orissa State :—

1. Adequate quantity of insecticides and drugs has been supplied to the State by the Central Government for sprays.

2. Surveillance workers, Inspectors and laboratory Technicians have been augmented.

3. Old vehicles are being replaced in a phased manner.

4. Special investigations are carried out in the persistent transmission areas.

5. Officers of the Central National Malaria Eradication Programme Directorate have carried out intensive touring of the State to provide technical guidance on the spot to the State Health Authorities. Entomological studies are also being carried out by the NMEP Directorate wherever considered necessary.

6. The State Government has been advised to improve supervision over sprays and surveillance operations, also to take speedy remedial measures like focal sprays and radical treatment of the positive cases detected to liquidate the foci of infection.

Compensation to Indians expelled from Uganda

*438. **SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:**
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Indians expelled from Uganda during the last several years ;

(b) the reasons for this expulsion and the protests lodged or the steps taken at the diplomatic level to persuade the Uganda Government to rescind the order of expulsion ;

(c) whether the Ugandan President and the Indian High Commissioner had a talk

about the compensation to be paid to the expelled Indians ; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) and (b) about 5,000 Indian nationals were expelled from Uganda in 1972 as a result of President Idi Amin's decision to indigenise the economy. The Government of India at the highest level impressed on the Government of Uganda the need for dealing with this matter in a humane and equitable manner.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. President Amin has reiterated his Government's commitment to pay compensation to the expelled Indian nationals and has told our High Commissioner that he would invite discussions between the two Governments on this matter.

B.B.C. Broadcast of Interview with Prime Minister of India

*439. **SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that the B.B.C. had broadcast an interview with the Prime Minister on January 28, 1975 in its mid-week programme ;

(b) if so, whether the B.B.C. had omitted certain portions of this interview ; and

(c) if so, what are the portions omitted and whether the omission was done in consultation with the Government of India ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The portions omitted may be seen in the Statement laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No./LT-9251/75]. It had been agreed that the B.B.C. might abbreviate the interview to