

SI. No.	Port	Personnel	employed
		Officers	Sailors
4.	Marmagoa	02	65
5.	New Mangalore	02	76
6.	Kochi	05	71
7.	Tuticorin	03	17
8.	Chennai	08	134
9.	Visakhapatnam	02	139
10	Paradip	02	152
11	Kolkata Haldia/Diamond Harbour	03	70
TOTAL		48	977

#### Manufacturing of Aerotyres for IAF

1369. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the aerotyres for Indian Air Force are manufactured in Sahaganj Unit of Dunlop India Limited (DIL) only;

(b) if not, the name of other indigenous manufactures;

(c) type of aircrafts where aerotyres are used;

(d) quantity of aerotyres imported after the suspension of work in Sahaganj Unit;

(e) financial implications *viz.* foreign exchange outgo and higher cost incurred on this account; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to resume and sustain optimal production in Dunlop unit to serve defence interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Aerotyres are being used in 16 types of service aircrafts,

including helicopters.

(d) Total number of tyres imported are approximately 11400.

(e) the total cash outgo for imports is Rs. 11.05 crores approximately and the higher cost incurred over Dunlop rates is estimated to be Rs. 1.20 crores.

(f) The matter of revival of Dunlop is before the Board for Financial and Industrial Reconstruction.

**Armed Forces Association with Committee on Security Groups**

1370. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Armed forces desire to be associated with the committee on security groups; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) In conformity with our democratic polity, the Ministry of Defence and the Armed Forces are represented by the Defence Minister on the Cabinet Committee on Security. Further, the Chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force and Defence Secretary are also in attendance in various meetings of the Cabinet Committee on Security on 'as required' basis. These arrangements for associating the Armed Forces in the meetings of the Cabinet Committee on Security are considered adequate.

**Upgradation of MIG-29**

1371. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether MIG-29 fighter jets are being upgraded;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the upgradation would be completed?