

Constant efforts are made in Ordnance Factories for import substitution. Import content of Ordnance Factory Board production on an average over the last three years was only about five percent. Various technical committees under the Department of Defence Production & Supplies are functioning to improve the indigenisation levels in Defence Production involving indigenous industries. Items requiring indigenisation are displayed in various exhibitions besides interaction with the industries through their associations. A scheme for National Awards for excellence in indigenisation of defence stores and equipments for the private industry has been introduced to recognize the efforts put in by the industry in meeting defence requirements.

Compensation to persons displaced by HAL in Koraput

214. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages and their total population displaced due to establishment of MIG project of the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) in the undivided Koraput district in Orissa;

(b) whether it is a fact that all the evicted people have not been paid suitable compensation;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the year by which every affected person would be provided with suitable compensation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Land from 5 villages was acquired and compensation paid by State Govt. and given to HAL as grant. Approximately 1985 persons were displaced for the establishment of MiG project of HAL in the undivided Koraput District of Orissa.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.