## Spsire parts for aicciafts

## 2359. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
(a) whether the country has to in cur an expenditure of around Rs. 200 crores in foreign exchange every year for procurement of spares for main tenance of, the Soviet fleet of aircraftawith the Indian Air Force;
(b) il' so, the actual expenditure, indicating its forex content, incurred on this account during the last three years; and
(c) what steps have been and are being taken to indigenise maintenance and spares for the Russian fleet of aircrafts with 1AF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V N. SOMU): (a) Yes, Sir.
(b)

| $1994-95$ | 280 |
| :--- | :--- |
| $1995-96$ | 277 |
| $1996-97$ | 417 |

(c) Efforts are being made to produce increasing quantities of spares within the country by HAL and private agencies. More and more indigenous vendors are being identified
and encouraged to manufacture aircraft components. There is a Task Group specifically set up to identify and indigenise aurcraft spares to increase self reliance in hese areas.

## Attractive package to De/ence Personnel

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2360 SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL
                SHRI SANJAY
                NIRUPAM:
        SHRIMATI MALTI
                SHARMA:
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state-
(a) whether it is a fact that a number of posts are lying vacant in defence since long;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
$\left.{ }^{\wedge} \mathrm{c}\right)$ what steps Government have taken to fulfil the vacant posts;
(d) whether Government have any plan to give the attractive package to defence personnel which will at tract youth to choose a career in defence services; and
(e) if $I S O$, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) to (e) The vacancy position in respect of three services as on 31-12-9J6 is given telow:-

0fficers Personnel Below Officer

Rank (PBOR)

| Army | 12972 | 55,263 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Navy | 690 | 2,782 |
| Air Force | 1045 | 5,876 |

A large number of candidates apply for Defence Service examination every year judging from the number of applicants for officers vacancies at the induction level; it can not be said that the career in armed forces has become less attractive resulting into shortage of officers at the juni6r level.

In the case of Army; where the magnitude of vacancy is large; the Government have decided to implement a project 'Image Projection of Army' with the help of professional media agencies to highli^^t the unique and positive features of Army as a fulfilling career to attract potential youths to join Army. In the case of Navy and Air Force the Government are making all out efforts to encourage induction of 'young people in Navy and Air Force giving greater publicity in newspaper and media in order to get the best.

Various measures have been initiated to make up the shortage in the offlcer cadre such as University Entry Scheme; exemption from appearing in Combined Defence Service Examination for NCC 'C Certificate holders and Short Service Commission Officer (SSCO); induction of women as officer; promotion of serving JCOs/ORs into the newly created Special Comissioned Officer fSCOsj cadre.

The Fifth Central Pay Commission has recommended improved pay scales; allowances and concessions to the Armed Forces Personnel in the report submitted to the Government. The Government after due consideration of the grievances of the Armed Forces personnel have decided to improve upon some of the Pay Commission recommendations.

## गैर सरकारी क्षेत्र में आयुध सामग्री का निर्माण करने वाले कारखाने

2361. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव :क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:
(क) मध्य प्रदेश के छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र में 30 जून, 1997 की स्थिति के अनुसार गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र में कितने आयुध कारखाने थे और इनमें से प्रत्येक कारखाने की उत्पादन क्षमता कितनीकितनी विहित की गई हैं
(ख) इन कारखानों में वर्ष $1992-93$ से लेकर 1996-97 तक वास्तव में, प्रतिवर्ष कितनाकितना उत्पादन किया,
(ग) इस अवधि के दौरान इन कारखानों में से प्रत्येक कारखाने ने क्षेत्र के विकास, पर्यावरणसुधार और सामजिक दायित्वों के निर्वहन के लिए कितनी-कितनी धनराशि व्यय की,और
(घ) इन दायित्वों के निर्वहन के लिए इन कारखानों द्वारा किए गए कार्यो का ब्यौरा क्या हैं?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन.वी.एन. सोमू) : (क) निजी क्षेत्र में कोई आयुध निर्माणी स्थापित नहीं की गई हैं। मध्य प्रदेश के छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र में कोई आयुध निर्माणी नहीं हैं।
(ख) से (घ) : ऊपर (क) के उत्तर को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

## Indigenouslimported defence armameoits

2362. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
(a) whether it is a fact that only 30 per cent of defence armaiflents
