

**Spare parts for aircrafts**

2359. SHRIMATI VEENA  
VERMA:

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR  
SAMBHAJIRAO  
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has to incur an expenditure of around Rs. 200 crores in foreign exchange every year for procurement of spares for maintenance of the Soviet fleet of aircrafts with the Indian Air Force;

(b) if 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 IAF?

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

(b)	(Rupees in crores)
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 aircraft spares to increase self reliance in these areas.

**Attractive package to Defence Personnel**

2360. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL  
SHRI SANJAY  
NIRUPAM:

SHRIMATI MALTI  
SHARMA:

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;

(c) 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 attract youth to choose a career in defence services; and

(e) if so, 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 31-12-96 is given below:

	Officers	Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR)
Army . . . . .	12,972	55,263
Navy . . . . .	690	2,782
Air Force . . . . .	1,045	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 junior 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 highlight 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 newspapers and media in order to get the best.

Various measures have been initiated to make up the shortage in the officer 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 Commissioned Officer (SCOs) 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 कितनी-कितनी विहित की गई है;

(ख) इन कारखानों में वर्ष 1992-93 से लेकर 1996-97 तक वास्तव में, प्रतिवर्ष, कितना-कितना उत्पादन किया,

(ग) इस अवधि के दौरान इन कारखानों में से प्रत्येक कारखाने ने क्षेत्र के विकास, पर्यावरण सुधार और सामाजिक दायित्वों के निर्वहन के लिए कितनी-कितनी धनराशि व्यय की, और

(घ) इन दायित्वों के निर्वहन के लिए इन कारखानों द्वारा किए गए कार्यों का व्यौरा क्या है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन. बी. एन. सोमू) : (क) निजी क्षेत्र में कोई आयुध निर्माणी स्थापित नहीं की गई है। मध्य प्रदेश के छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र में कोई आयुध निर्माणी नहीं है।

(ख) से (घ) : ऊपर (क) के उत्तर को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Indigenous/imported defence armaments

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 armaments