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Certain isolated pockets of Defence lands, Camping grounds and abandoned airfields measuring approximately 15,000 acres have so far been identified for disposal, on a tentative basis.

Anomalies in the one rank one pension Scheme

56. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1027 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th July, 1992 and state:

(a) what is the outcome of the Committee set up by Government to examine the anomalies to meet their demands;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are pursuing the policy towards implementation of the scheme;

(c) what is the number of ex-service-men on pension as on date, category-wise and rank-wise;

(d) what would be the estimated expenditure per annum after the consideration of demands;

(e) whether Government will announce this scheme by the year end; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (f) The Committee has submitted its report to the Government. The recommendations of the Committee which may entail an annual expenditure of the order of Rs. 20 crores approximately are being processed, and a decision thereon is likely to be taken shortly.

The number of service pensioners is as under:

(i) Commissioned Officers (as at the end of Oct., 93)	26,530 approx.
(ii) JCOs/ORs (as the end of Aug., 93)	11,27,280 approx.

(Category-wise/rank-wise figures are not being maintained)

Proposal of Commercial Borrowing by Indian Navy

57. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Navy contemplate to go in for commercial borrowing in view of the budgetary cuts in the sector recently;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the budgetary cuts; and

(c) what are the details and extent of the borrowing envisaged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Looking to the perception of security threats at any given time, efforts are made to ensure the availability of adequate funds in order to address our concerns in this regard. Presently there is no proposal for the Indian Navy to go in for commercial borrowing.

Manufacture of Arjun Tanks

58. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Main Battle Tanks (MBT), Arjun that have so far been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation; and

(b) what are the reason for delay in the manufacture of MBTs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) So far 12 MK-I prototypes and 6 pre-production series tanks of Main Battle Tank—ARJUN have been manufactured. 9 more pre-production series tanks are under manufacture.

(b) There is no delay in the manufacture of MBT. The planning action for its manufacture has been initiated in line with the induction programme of the Army.

Requirement of submarines by Indian Navy

59. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had finalised a deal with HDW of Germany for the supply of four submarines;

(b) if so, whether all the four submarines were delivered;

(c) whether the Navy wants more such submarines to complete its fleet; and

(d) whether Government propose to purchase some more submarines and if so, from whom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The contract with M/s. HDW was for supply of only 2 ready built submarines and material packages for 2 submarines to be constructed in India. Two submarines and material packages for another two, were delivered.

(c) and (d) Presently, there is no proposal for purchase of more submarines.

Modernization plan for Navy

60. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHARAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of plans for modernisation, augmentation or development of navy have been scuttled or slowed down due to resource crunch during the last two years, as indicated by the outgoing Chief of Naval Staff on September 27, 1993; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the main plans and projects affected thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The modernisation of the Indian Navy, and her force levels are considered with reference to the Perspective Plan and the Annual Plans drawn up for the purpose, also taking into account the geo-strategic environment, the threat perception, the country's maritime interests, the likely tasks that the Navy may be called upon to perform, and the availability of budgetary resources.

Car project in Gujarat with the assistance of General Motors

61. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that General Motors (GM), the American auto-giant have agreed to set up a Rs. 800 crore car project in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the modalities of the proposed projects between American firm and Indian firm that have been finalised;

(c) whether Gujarat Government has also agreed to provide Rs. 35 crore loan for GM Project;

(d) if so, by what time the project is likely to start; and

(e) what will be its annual production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHL): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has approved setting up of a joint venture between M/s HM and M/s GM of USA in Gujarat for production of state cars, fuel efficient cars.

(b) The modalities of the proposed project are yet to be finalised by the two companies.