

(b) what is the present cost escalation in respect of each of these atomic power project and by what percentage the cost is anticipated to rise by the time these atomic power projects are commissioned;

(c) whether the implementation of these projects has been, critically reviewed: and

(d) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to ensure their completion according to the revised schedule to avoid further cost escalation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) From among the atomic power projects presently under construction, commissioning of the second unit of Narora Atomic Power Project has been delayed for a period exceeding *one* year at the end of 1990.

(b) The two unit project at Narora (of which the first unit is already commissioned) was Rs. 399.64 crores in 1983. The latest cost estimate is Rs. 645 crores plus interest during construction. No further increase in cost is anticipated.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The second unit at Narora is scheduled to achieve criticality by end August, 1991 and commercial operation in January 1992 as per the latest revised schedule. All activities are being closely monitored with a view to achieve the above schedules.

Construction of submarine at Mazagaon docks Ltd,

1557. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA; Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that material worth crores of rupees purchased from West Germany for the construction of submarines by Maza-gaon Docks Ltd., have been rusting

and that the plan to construct submarines has been shelved;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the estimated loss suffered by the exchequer as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a). No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

रक्षा मंत्री की सियाचीन की यात्रा

1558. श्री शंकर ब्याल सिंह :

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कोशिश करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रक्षा मंत्री ने अभी हाल में सियाचीन तथा अन्य अग्रिम मोर्चों का दौरा किया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह रक्षा मंत्री द्वारा ही जाने वाली सामान्य यात्रा थी; और

(ग) सियाचीन तथा अन्य अग्रिम मोर्चों पर हमारे जवानों का मनोबल क्या है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : जी, हां।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) सियाचीन और अन्य अग्रवर्ती क्षेत्रों में हमारे जवानों का मनोबल बहुत ऊंचा है।

Soviet Offer of YAK-141 Freestyle Aircraft

1559. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Soviet Union has offered. India its latest fighters aircraft, the Yak-141 'Freestyle';