

Defence museum at Pokhran

2297. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pokhran town in Rajasthan will get a Defence museum;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the museum is likely to be inaugurated and the details of money to be spent on the museum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M. M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Transfer of Foreign Military Hardware Technology to Private Sector

2298. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to encourage transfer of technology for production of military hardware from foreign countries to private sector in the country, while acquiring foreign equipments for use in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise, item-wise; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard, indicating the amount of foreign exchange involved in the above mentioned transactions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) As per Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP)-2006, an Offset provision has been made applicable for all procurement proposals where the indicative cost is above Rs. 300 crores involving the outright purchase from foreign/Indian vendors and purchase from foreign vendor followed by Licensed production. Through this provision also the Government encourages transfer of technology to Indian Defence Industry.