

on Biogas in combination with diesel oil which save 80 per cent of diesel consumption. Such engines are now commercially available and can be used as prime movers for a variety of agricultural and industrial applications, such as, irrigation pump sets, chaff cutters, threshers, crushers, flour mills and power generation. R&D programmes are continuing in various institutions to improve the efficiency and develop 100 per cent biogas operated engines.

Import of Computers

560. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:

SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR:

SHRI SWAMI DINESH CHANDRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to import 140 fourth generation computers from U.S.A. for use in educational institutions in the country;

(b) if so, what is cost of the import and by when it is likely to be effected;

(c) whether indigenous and other sources were investigated before placing this bulk order with a single manufacturer and if so what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what are the names of the universities and Educational institutions which would acquire computers during 1980-81?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT (SHRI CHANDRA PRATAP NARAIN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Purchase of Mirage 2000 Combat Aircraft

561. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA-KANT BHANDARE:

SHRI SWAMI DINESH CHANDRA:

SHRI K.L.N. PRASAD:

SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the team led by the Defence Secretary during their recent visit to France finalised details for the purchase of French Mirage 2000 combat aircraft and other defence equipment from that country;

(b) if so, what are the detailed terms for the purchase of the said aircraft and equipment; and

(c) whether an agreement on the lines has since been signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL"): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Para-Military Force for Dealing with Civil Disturbances

562. SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH:

SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA:

SHRI KALPNATH RAI;

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a scheme to constitute a para-military force to deal with civil disturbances and insurgency;

(b) if so, what is the proposed strength of this force;

(c) whether the scheme provides for adequate representation of minorities Harijans and other weaker sections of the population in the force; and