

undertaking and give their own assessment/appreciation of the performance of the undertaking. These Government Directors also seek guidance from the Secretary on all "important mat(er)s coming up at the Board meetings of the undertaking.

#### **Installation of Launchers**

2680. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH;  
SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA  
JHA;

SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD;

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in 'The Statesman' of December 5, 1980 that 'China has installed launchers for missiles with nuclear warheads, capable of hitting targets in a range 500 to 1,500 km., in the Gilgit area;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to safeguard the security of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (c) These reports are in the nature of j speculative writing. There is no information to corroborate these reports.

There would appear to be no change in the Chinese missile capability posing any fresh threat to the security of India.

#### **Chinese Base at Karachi**

2681. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY;  
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH;

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news published

in "The Hindustan Times" dated 6th December, 1980 under the caption "Chinese Base at Karachi"; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government for exercising vigilance in the Indian Ocean in the light thereof?

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

Ob) The Government is keeping watch on the situation and would take appropriate action when necessary to safeguard our national interests.

#### **Unsatisfactorily functioning of District Industries Centres**

2682. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE;  
SHRI SWAMI DINESH  
CHANDRA,  
SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHAN-  
KAR ADIVAREKAR;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the District Industries Centres have not been functioning satisfactorily;

(b) if so, the drawbacks and short comings of these centres suffering from; and

(b) if so, the drawbacks and short-dering the questions of winding up or modifying the District Industries Centre Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHAN AN A): (a) to (e) In the Industrial Policy statement announced in the Parliament in July, 1980 it has been stated that the Government have reviewed the Scheme of District Industries Centres which has not produced benefits commensurate with the expenditure incurred. Government, therefore, propose to initiate more effective alter-