

Study tour of Tripura by a seven-member Committee headed by Shri Dinesn Singh, M.P.

397. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the seven-member Committee headed by Shri Dinesn Singh, M.P. has completed its study tour of Tripura; and

(b) whether the Committee has submitted any report to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee is expected to submit its report shortly.

Visit of military experts to U.S.S.R.

398. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any deputation of military experts recently visited the Soviet Union for evaluating the Russian aircraft MiG-23 for the Indian Air Force; and

(b) if so, whether the above deputation recommended the above aircraft for purchase or for indigenous production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE CHARGE OF PRIME MINISTER (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) and

(b) A delegation of specialists from IAF that visited Soviet Union in 1979 evaluated various systems. One of the systems they evaluated was the Mi G-23 family of aircraft. The delegation gave their appreciation on the capabilities of the systems they evaluated. It will not be in the interest of national security to divulge the views of the delegation.

399. [Transferred to the 4th. August 1980]

Discontinuance of subsidies to undertakings

400. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of Wednesday, the 2nd July, 1980 under captioned "public units subsidies to go";

(b) if so, what are the details of the decision Government are contemplating with regard to discontinuance of subsidies and personnel etc. in respect of the undertakings under his Ministry; and

(c) whether the decision was taken by his Ministry in consultation with the Bureau of Public Enterprises; if not; what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No such decision has been taken.

Export by Defence Units

401. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been increase in exports by defence units in the country; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE CHARGE OF PRIME MINISTER (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) and

(b) Defence Public Sector Undertakings have been making efforts to increase exports, especially of civilian