

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to take over the film distribution in Delhi and U.P.; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) and (b) The question of canalisation of film distribution is under consideration.

Report of working group on prison condition in the country

153. SHRI KALYAN ROY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 195 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th February, 1974 and state:

(a) whether Government have received opinions of the State Governments on the report of the working group on prison conditions in the country ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) Comments on the recommendations contained in the report of the Working Group on prisons are still awaited from the State Governments.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

China's Nuclear Missile test in the Indian Ocean

*91. SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR SINGH :

SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR : SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH : SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report to the effect

that China was planning to test its nuclear missile equipment in the Indian Ocean ;

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

(c) what is the reaction of Government of India thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SAR-DAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Government have seen press reports to this effect. However, there is no authentic information to corroborate these reports. China is reportedly making preparations for an ICBM test which might be into the Indian Ocean.

(c) Government believe that the defence of our borders can be best ensured by adequate military preparedness based upon conventional weapons. Government's policy is to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes only.

Diesellisation of Nissan and Jonga Jeeps

*92. SHRI GUNANAND THAKUR: SHRI KALP NATH : SHRI JAGDISH JOSHI : SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI: SHRI NATHI SINGH :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that diesellisation of Nissan and Jonga jeeps manufactured by the Department of Defence Production improve compression of the vehicles ;

(b) if so, what difficulties are being experienced by the Department in diesellisation of the jeeps: and

(c) whether Government propose to formulate a scheme for stepping up the production of these jeeps for sale to public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Diesel engines operate at a higher compression ratio than petrol ' engines.

(b) There is no plan to dieselise the petrol driven Nissan 1-ton and Jonga jeeps.

(c) There is no such plan under consideration at present.

Setting up of Polytechnics for Jawans

*95. SHRI V. V. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Minister or DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up two Polytechnics to be run by the Armed Forces for the training of Jawans during their service period; and!

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER, IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK) : (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration. The idea is to impart vocational training in technical trades like Electrician, Mechanic Motor Vehicle, Sheet Metal Worker, Welder, Painter, Carpenter, Cutting and Tailoring etc. capable of providing both employment and self-employment, to soldiers on verge of release from the Army. These training institutes are intended to be made a part of the regimental centres in order that the training will be disciplined. The institutes will be on the pattern of the industrial training institutes and their syllabi and training will, however, be a little more intensive as many jawans may not have the minimum educational background necessary for admission to industrial training institutes and they have to appear in the same AH India Trade Test.

Rehabilitation of refugees In West Bengal

*98. SHRI L. MAHAPATRO:

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :
SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : SHRI
S. G. SARDESAI : SHRI
HIMMAT SINH:

Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement reported to have been made by the Chief Minister of

West Bengal published in the 'Hindustan Standard' of 12th September, 1974 contradicting the observations made by the Union Minister of Supply and Rehabilitation about the rehabilitation of displaced persons from erstwhile East Pakistan in West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have made any fresh assessment in the matter; and

(c) if so, what are the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) Presumably the reference is to a statement reported to have been made by the Refugee Relief and Rehabilitation Minister of West Bengal published in the Hindustan Standard of 12th September, 1974. If so, the reply is in the affirmative.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

*99.[*Transferred to the 21st November, 1974.*]

Thai Naval base in the Andaman Sea

* 100. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in "Times of India" of 14th September, 1974 to the effect that the Thailand Government had decided to set up a naval base in the Andaman Sea; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government of India thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SAR-DAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Thailand is a friendly country and we should view their decision in proper perspective. However, adequate measures are being taken by Government to ensure that the security of the country is not jeopardised.