

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for setting up a corporation to finance and to provide technical guidance to ex-servicemen for setting up small scale industries and other self-employment enterprises; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK): (a) and (b) Not yet. The feasibility of forming a Corporation to finance and provide technical guidance to ex-servicemen for setting up small industries is being studied and the details are still being worked out.

Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons in Assam

*217. SHRI KALYAN ROY: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Amrita Bazar Patrika' of the 1st January, 1974, regarding rehabilitation of displaced persons in Assam:

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to rehabilitate the 4,500 families of displaced persons and the results achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHA-DILKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to the information furnished by the Government of Assam, 4572 families of new migrants from former East Pakistan had to be given rehabilitation assistance. Out of them, 426 families have already been moved to the rehabilitation sites and 241 more families are to be resettled in the near future. Proposals are under consideration for the resettlement of remaining 3905 families.

Pak-French Arms Deal

*218. SHRI SITARAM KESRI:
SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:
SHRI O. P. TYAGI:
SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA:
SHRI N. G. GORAY:
SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT:
SHRI SANDA NARAYANAPPA
SHRI SYED HUSSAIN:
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:
SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR:
SHRI PREM MANOHAR:
DR. BHAI MAHAVIR:
SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR SINGH:
SHRI M. K. MOHTA:
SHRI BHOLA PRASAD:
SHRI H. S. NARASIAH:
SHRI V. K. SAKHLECHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Press reports regarding France's deals in regard to supply of military hardware to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The position of the Government of India has been made known to the French Government that any accretion of Pakistan's military strength will adversely affect the process of normalization in the sub-continent.

Industrial Relations Bill

*219. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE:
SHRI SANDA NARAYANAPPA:
SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR: