

Compensation to Workers Laid Off due to Power Shortage

1178. SHRI KALYAN ROY:

SHRI NIREN GHOSH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take immediate measures to give higher compensation to workers laid-off due to power shortage;

ib) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in negative, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) to (c): The question of payment of a higher quantum of compensation to workmen laid-off due to power shortage was considered at the 24th session of the Labour Ministers' Conference and certain conclusions were reached. In the light of these, the matter is being processed.

Indian Know-how in Manufacture of Defence Equipment

1179. SHRI M. K. MOHTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

To what extent to which India continues to be dependent on foreign assistance in the manufacture of defence equipment; and

(b) the period by when self-sufficiency in the know-how is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) India is dependent on foreign assistance in respect of only such items as are either too sophisticated and beyond the existing indigenous design and development capability or involve too costly an indigenisation effort.

(b) Government has taken a policy decision for progressive elimination of

foreign technology but no time limit can be fixed for achieving self-sufficiency since requirements of Services keep on changing with rapid advances in defence technology.

Manufacture of MIG 21-Ms Aircraft at Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Nasik

1180. SHRI SITARAM KESRI:

SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR SINGH:

SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA:

Will the MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to manufacture Mig 21-Ms also at the Hindustan Aeronautics, Ltd., Nasik; and

(b) if so, by when production is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Manufacture of MIG-21 M aircraft has already commenced.

Stocks In Defence Stores

1. SHRI K. B. CHETTRI:

SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that private firms are making profits by supplying equipment and stores to the Defence Services; and

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that items like HMT watches and Hawkin Pressure Cookers are always 'out of stock' in the Army Stores/shops in Delhi; if so, what are the reasons for non-availability of these items and the steps being taken by the Government to improve the supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA):