financial year:

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(Rs. in crores) 1. Andra Pradesh 18.50 27:35* 2. Maharashtra 3. Mysore 5.49

*For the period February 1971 to August

These ceilings relate to expenditure on relief works, loans to agriculturists, provision of drinking water supply and purchase of agricultural inputs like seed and fertilisers. The amounts shown above are, however, subject to review.

The ceilings of expenditure recommended by the Central teams have been accepted and communicated to the concerned State Governments.

FINDINGS OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON HS 748 AIRCRAFT

*48 SHRI K. C. PANDA:

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:

SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JA-GARLAMUDI:

SHRI SUNDAR MANI PA-TEL:

SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATIONS/ पर्यटन श्रीर नागर विमान मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the All-India Aircraft Engineers' Association has demanded immediate publication of the findings of the technical committee set up by Government on the HS-748 aircrafts; and
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATIONS/ पर्यटन ग्रौर नागर विमानन मंत्री (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government set up a Task Force consisting of the Director General, Civil Aviation, the General Manager, Indian Airlines and the Hindustan Aeronautics Chairman, Ltd., to examine and process the Report of the Technical Committee. The Task Force submitted its Report on the 7th November 1971, which has been made public. Copies of both the reports have been placed in the Parliament Library.

चीन द्वारा राडार केन्द्र ग्रीर प्रक्षेपणपत्र परीक्षण केन्द्र की स्थापना

49. श्री लाल ग्राडवाणी :

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथर :

श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी :

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :

श्री देवदत्त कुमार कीकाभाई पटेल 🔅 डा० भाई महावीर :

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) क्या यह सच है कि चीन ने एवरेस्ट श्रंग के उत्तरी ढाल पर एक राडार केन्द्र श्रौर दक्षिणी तिब्बत में एक प्रक्षेपणास्त्र परीक्षण केन्द्र स्थापित किया है ; ग्रौर
- (ख) यदि हां, तो उसका भारत की सुरक्षा पर क्या प्रभाव पड़ा है ग्रौर सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की है अथवा करने का विचार रखती है ? 💉 छ 🗯

†[Installation of a Radar Station and MISSILES TESTING CENTRE BY CHINA

*49. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

SHRI J. P. YADAV:

SHRI DEVDATT KUMAR KIKABHAI PATEL:

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE/ रक्षा मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has installed a radar station on the Northern Slope of the Everest peak and a Missiles Testing Centre in Southern Tibet; and

^{†[]} English translation.

(b) if so, the repercussions thereof on India's security and what action Government have taken or propose to take in this regard?]

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम): (क) ग्रीर (ख) सरकार को तिब्बत में स्थापित राडार निगरानी व्यवस्था की जानकारी है। सरकार इस विषय में क्या जानती है, यह बतलाना लोक हित में नहीं होगा। मैं सभा को इतना ही ग्राश्वासन दे सकता हूं कि सारी प्राप्य सूचना एकत्नित एवं मूल्यांकित की जाती हैं तथा ग्रपनी नीति ग्रीर योजनायें बनाते समय उन्का यथोचित ध्यान रखा जाता है।

†[THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE/
रक्षा मंत्री (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM):
(a) and (b) Government are aware
of the radar surveillance system set
up in Tibet. It will not be in public
interest to disclose what Government
knows in this regard. I can only
assure the House that all available
information is collected, assessed and
duly taken into consideration in formulating our policies and plans.]

SHORTAGE OF SMALL COINS

*50. SHRI B. V. ABDULLA KOYA: SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHI-DEEN:

> SHRI SWAISINGH SISODIA: SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE/ वित्त मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had asked the CBI to inquire into the current shortage of small coins in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the CBI has since submitted its report,
- (c) what are the findings in this regard;
- (d) what steps Government propose to take to ease the shortage; and

(e) whether it has come to Government's notice that truckload of small coins are being despatched to Varanasi from various places in the country for making utensils; if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE/ वित मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI K. R. GANESH): (a) No. Sir.

- (b) and (c) Do not arise.
- (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
- (e) Information is being collected from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and will be laid on the Takle of the House as soon as received.

STATEMENT

Government have already taken several steps to ease the coinage shortage. In order to increase the output of the Mints, the Alipore & Hyderabad Mints were put to 60 hours weekly working as against 48 hours earlier from the months October/November, 1970. The Bombay Mint was put to two shift working of 9 hours each per day from July 1970 and the labour strength deployed on coin production was increased first in January 1971 and again in May 1971. As a result of these measures, the daily rate of production in the Mints has gone up from 12 lakh pieces a day in August 1970 to 35 lakh pieces a day in February, 1971 and has further gone up to over 50 lakh pieces per day since July 1971. Government have also taken steps to change the coinage alloys in such manner as to obtain higher rate of production and at the same time eliminate the risk of their being diverted for melting whether now or in the near furture. Important steps in this direction are (i) minting of 10 Paise coins in Aluminium-magnesium, instead of in Aluminium-bronze, from 11-10-71; (ii) proposed resumption of minting of 25 Paise coins from 1-12-71 in cupro-nickel instead of in pure nickel, and discontinuing further

^{†[]} English translation.