

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the map of India published in the Independence Day issue of the Sainik Samachar in which Kashmir has not been shown as part of India ;

(b) if so, who is responsible for this lapse; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) to (c) The sketch which appeared on the cover page of the Independence Day Number of the Sainik Samachar was not intended to be a map of India, either geographical or political but was an artists' design adopted for the cover page. The implications of adopting such a design were not fully appreciated by the concerned officers against whom necessary administrative action has been taken.

ADDITIONS TO ELECTRONICS COMMITTEE

*105. DR. SALIG RAVI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any studies have been conducted to supplement the Electronic Committee Report of Dr. Bhabha to keep it upto-date; and

(b) if so, what are main additions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The Bhabha Committee in the report had taken into account the State of electronic industry in the country as it existed in 1964-65 and the estimates of the requirements projected by the users at that time. Electronics is a fast developing technology and studies are being continuously undertaken to update the estimate given in the Bhabha Report. Modifications of the targets indicated in the Bhabha Committee's report have been made principally in the fields of defence, communications, computers, components and entertainment fields. In fact, the requirements, particularly in the field of entertainment and components are likely to be much more than those visualised in the Bhabha Committee's Report whereas the requirements in the field of defence, are likely to be lower

than those projected by the Bhabha Committee. The industry is also being developed to keep pace with the updated requirements.

VISIT OF SIKHS TO NANKANA SAHIB

*106. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Punjab have requested the Central Government to replace passport system with a visa system so as to allow maximum number of Sikhs to visit Nankana sahib on November 23, 1969 in connection with the quinquennial celebrations of Guru Nanak; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir. The Punjab Government requested us to introduce a permit system in place of the passport and visa system for the journey to Pakistan on this occasion.

(b) The proposal was considered by the Government but was not found feasible under the existing travel arrangements between India and Pakistan.

DEVELOPMENT OF LADAKH

*107. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ninety per cent of the expenditure on Ladakh is borne by the Centre;

(b) whether it is a fact that the amount allocated to Ladakh during the Third Five Year Plan was not fully utilised? and

(c) if so, what were the developmental works that had to suffer on this account.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) During the period 1960-61, to 1968-69, 90 per cent of the expenditure in respect of plan schemes in Ladakh was being borne by the Central Government in the form of grant. The same pattern of assistance would also continue during the Fourth Plan period 1969-74.