

†[THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) During interrogation the captured personnel have furnished some information in this regard.

(b) 260 underground Nagas who had returned from China with arms have been apprehended by the Security Forces including 13 who have surrendered. The arms captured from them include mortars, rocket launchers, light machine guns, sub-machine guns, rifles and pistols. Most of these weapons are of Chinese origin.

(c) Government of India sent protest notes to the Chinese Government on the 19th June, 1968 and 21st April, 1969 strongly condemning the assistance in the supply of arms and equipment to the underground Nagas.

(d) No, Madam. Government of India's stand in this respect does not require to be changed.]

MEMORANDUM FROM INDIAN MILLS ASSOCIATION

1488. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum enlisting a number of demands from the Indian Mills Association;

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

(c) what is Government's reaction to each of these demands ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) Government have not received any memorandum from the Indian Mills Association. In fact, there is no such Association.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

FIGURES OF THE IDLE CAPACITY OF LAND AND LABOUR

1489. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission have appointed a study group to collect figures of the idle capacity of land and labour in the country; and

(b) whether any attempt has been made to specifically relate these figures to measures and projects to meet unemployment in specific or in all areas ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Soil and land use capability surveys are undertaken from time to time by different agencies of the Central and State Governments. A special study of the problems of wastelands and measures for their reclamation was also carried out under the auspices of the Committee on Natural Resources set up by the Planning Commission and the results were published in a Report issued in 1963.

As regards idle manpower, a Committee of experts has been set up to advise the Planning Commission on various aspects of estimating the magnitude of unemployment and under-employment. The work of the Committee is in progress.

(b) Fuller utilisation of land and labour resources has been kept in view while formulating development programmes in the Fourth Plan.

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PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES IN WEST BENGAL

1492. SARDAR D. K. JADHAV : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the production capacity of ordnance factories situated in West Bengal has decreased during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

USE OF HINDI IN DEFENCE MINISTRY

1493. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the action taken by his Ministry in pursuance of Official Language Act and the Orders issued by the Ministry