

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

(b) Yes Sir; wives of two Army officers had been working in the foreign missions.

(c) No, Sir.

“मिग” विमानों के लिए एयरो-इंजन

* 539. श्री राम साहय : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कोरा पुट में “मिग” विमानों के लिये एयरो-इंजन बनाने के कार्य में कार्यक्रम के अनुसार प्रगति हो रही है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो पहले इंजन की कब तक डिलीवरी होने की सम्भावना है ?

(AERO-ENGINES FOR MIG AEROPLANES

*539. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of manufacture of aero-engines for MIG aeroplanes at Koraput is in progress according to schedule; and

(b) if so, when the delivery of the first engine is expected to be made?]

रक्षा मंत्री (सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह) : (क) मोटे रूप से कार्यक्रम के अनुसार ही काम चल रहा है।

(ख) लगभग दिसम्बर 1968 के अन्त तक पहले इंजन के तैयार होने की आशा है।

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) The work is progressing broadly according to schedule.

(b) The first engine is expected to be ready by about the end of December, 1968.]

•[English translation.

INCREASE OF CHINESE TROOPS ON INDIAN BORDERS

*540. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that China has increased its troops on the Indian borders recently; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the action taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Chinese troops continue to remain in strength across our northern border. No significant change in this position has been noticed recently. A close watch is kept on Chinese activities across our borders with a view to safeguarding the territorial integrity of the country.

PAYMENT FOR LAND ACQUIRED FOR KINGAL-BASANTPUR ROAD

*541. SHRI L. VARMA :
SHRIMATI SATYAVATI DANG:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Border Roads 'Deepak Project' has undertaken the work of road construction from Kingal to Basantpur without formally acquiring the agriculturists' land;

(b) whether it is a fact that even after completion of the acquisition procedure, no payment has been made to the farmers, so far; and

(c) whether compensation has not been paid to the farmers whose house or land was damaged more than the acquired width?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

MANUFACTURE OF PROPELLANT FOR ROCKET MOTOR

*542. SARDAR RAM SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a plant for the manufacture of propellant for rocket motor will be set up shortly at Thumba;

(b) to what extent self-sufficiency has been achieved in manufacturing equipment for rocket programme; and