THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) No. Sir.

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- (b) Yes Sir; wives of two Army officers had been working in the foreign missions.
 - (c) No, Sir.

"मिग" विमानों के लिए एयरो-इंजिन

- ' *539. श्री राम सहाय: क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेगे कि:
- (क) क्या कोरा पुट में "मिग" विमानों के लिये एयरो-इंजिन बनाने के कार्य में कार्यक्रम के अनुसार प्रगति हो रही हैं; और
- (ख) यदि हां, तो पहले इंजिन 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 इंजिन 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.]

DEFENCE | Increase of Chinese Troops on Indian Borders

to Questions

- *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 (SAR-DAR 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 C. L. VARMA: SHRIMATI SATYAVATI DANG:

Will the Minister of DEFNCE be please 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 equipments for rocket programme; and

^{†[]} English translation.