

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

CHINESE TROOPS ON ASSAM BORDER

*472. SARDAR RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rebel Mizos are getting their supply of arms from the Chinese troops concentrated on the North-Western region of Burma, bordering Assam Hills; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to cut off this supply of arms to the rebel Mizos?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) The question proceeds on the assumption that Chinese troops are concentrated in the North-Western region of Burma and that Mizo hostiles are receiving arms assistance from them. We have no information to that effect. In so far as prevention of supply of arms to hostile Mizos is concerned, our security forces are making the fullest efforts to prevent the same as far as practicable.

*473. [Withdrawn.]

†CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY S.E.A. COUNTRIES

*402. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether India is participating in the South-East Asian countries conference on Trade and Economic Development recently called by Japan and other South-East Asian countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): The question of our participation in the forthcoming South-East Asian Ministerial Conference on Trade and Economic Development (SEAMIC) in

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Singapore will arise when there is a consensus among the member countries concerned to invite India as an observer.

FILM PRODUCERS' FRAUD ON GOVERNMENT

*474. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Indian Film producers and advertising agencies in league with the commercial services of the Ceylon Broadcasting Corporation have defrauded Government of several lakhs of rupees;

(b) if so, what are the names of the defrauders in this connection; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) to (c) A report to this effect has come to the notice of the Government and necessary investigations into the possible contravention of the Indian laws are in progress.

MANUFACTURE OF MARINE ENGINES AT RANCHI FACTORY

*475. SHRI P. C. MITRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government to establish at Ranchi a Factory to manufacture Marine Engines and if so, the steps so far taken for establishment of the same; and

(b) what is the estimate of investment that will be made for the project and by when it will reach production stage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. Gov-