

of the proposed Institute in case it is decided to locate it in India.

(b) The ECAFE has requested its Executive Secretary to examine the existing facilities in the statistical field in the ECAFE region and to take necessary steps to establish the Institute as soon as possible. Executive Secretary will be taking further action in the matter.

AVRO 748

234. SHRI RAM SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian made Hawker Siddely (Avro) 748 assembled at Kanpur have been put to tests in U.K.; and

(b) if so, the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS) : (a) No, Sir. One HS-748 aircraft manufactured at Kanpur has been sent to UK for the installation of additional equipment necessary for its use as a civil passenger aircraft. This aircraft was fully tested and given the certificate of air-worthiness in Kanpur before it was sent to U.K. Other aircraft to be delivered to the Indian Airlines Corporation will be fitted with the additional equipment, in Kanpur.

(b) Does not arise.

VIOLATIONS BY PAKISTANI ARMY

235. { SHRI CHITTA BASU ;
SHRI D. L. SEN GUPTA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been any border violations by the Pakistani Army along the borders of West Bengal, Punjab, Rajasthan, Assam and Tripura after the withdrawal of Armed forces in pursuance of the Tashkent declaration; and

(b) If so, the number of such violations in different sectors of the borders ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) Since the withdrawal of forces, there have been no violations by Pakistan army of these borders. But there have been five incidents where Pakistan Rangers/East Pakistan Rifles have violated our borders—one in Rajasthan, two in Assam, and one each in West Bengal and Tripura. Besides, Pakistani nationals, aided and abetted by East Pakistan Riflemen, violated Assam border on nine occasions.

PAPER PULP PROJECT IN SIKKIM

236. SHRI U. S. DUGAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to instal a paper pulp project in Sikkim;

(b) if so, whether the Indian technical team which visited Sikkim has submitted its report; and

(c) when this project will be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No team sponsored by the Government of India has visited Sikkim in this connection. The question of conducting a feasibility survey is separately under examination.

(c) This will depend on the feasibility survey and other relevant factors.

APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADORS

237. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the normal tenure of office for Indian Ambassadors at Moscow and Washington and Indian High Commissioner in London;

(b) whether it is proposed to appoint a new Indian High Commissioner in London shortly; and

(c) whether a new Indian Ambassador to Moscow has recently been appointed ?