

NEW PAKISTANI AERODROME IN JAMMU

•121. SHRI OM MEHTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to news-item published in various newspapers to the effect that Pakistan has constructed a new aerodrome near Ranbirsinghpura in Jammu and is distributing arms and ammunitions freely to the people living along border areas; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to safeguard the lives of the people living on the Indian side of the cease-fire line?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Precautionary steps have been taken.

GOMULKA PLAN FOR NUCLEAR WAR IN CENTRAL EUROPE

♦122. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of what is known as Gomulka Plan to freeze nuclear war in Central Europe; and

(b) what has been the reaction of the Government of India to this Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): The Government are aware of the proposal made

in December, 1963, by the First Secretary of the Polish Communist Party, Mr. GornuUia, (for the freezing of nuclear armaments in Central Europe. The Polish Government are holding bilateral discussions with the Governments concerned in Central Europe in this regard.

(b) The Government of India, in keeping with their policy of welcoming all measures aimed at reducing international tensions and the risk of war, view this proposal with sympathy and understanding.

U.S. SEVENTH FLEET

•123. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to-state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the units of the U.S. Seventh Fleet have recently entered the Indian Ocean;

(b) if so, whether the Government of India have lodged any protest, with the Government of the United States; and

(c) what is the reaction of that Government to such protest?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Government have no information.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

INCREASE IN EMOLUMENTS OF DEFENCE PERSONNEL

♦124. SHRI UTTAM SINGH DUGAL: Will the Min'ster of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether there is any J proposal under Government's consi-