

enabling the Government to keep au fait with the developments in Southern Rhodesia.

MIG PLANT IN INDIA

to

state:

(a) what further progress has been made in setting up the M.I.G. plant in India; and

(b) by when the plant is expected to go into production?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) Construction of factories at Nasik and Koraput is progressing satisfactorily.

(b) Expected during 1965.

FIRINGS BY PAKISTANI FORCES ON INDIAN PATROL POSTS

f SHRI SUNDAR MANI •58. -i
PATEL:

I SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in early July this year, Pakistani forces resorted to concentrated firing on our Patrol posts in various sectors 1* Jammu;

(b) if so, what are the details of casualty on our side;

(c) whether any protest against such firing has been lodged with Pakistan Government; and

'd) if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

f SHRI K. DAMODARAN: ♦57. I
SHRI P. L. KUREEL I URF TALIB;

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased

(b) During the first fortnight of July 1964, six Indians were injured in Jammu as a result of firing from the Pakistani side.

(c) and (d) We have lodged a protest with the Government of Pakistan. No reply has so far been received from them.

MANUFACTURE OF FRIGATES FOR INDIAN NAVY

*59. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided last year to manufacture frigates for the Indian Navy;

(b) if so, whether any progress in, this matter was made; and

(c) whether Government have now decided to shelve this Project?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS?): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is actively being pursued by the Government.

14-NATION CONFERENCE ON LAOS

*60. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how far India has been successful in the convening of a 14-Nation Conference on Laos; and

(b) whether Government have received any reply from any of the participating nations to the Geneva Pact of 1954?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS-(SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) The Government of India have fully supported a proposal recently made by the Government of Union of Soviet Socialist Republic for the convening of a 14-Nation Geneva Conference on Laos. However, Government recog—