

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

MIG PLANT IN INDIA

*57 { SHRI K DAMODARAN;
SHRI P L KUREEL
URF TALIB;

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what further progress has been made in setting up the MIG 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

*58 { SHRI SUNDAR MANI
PATEL
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 in 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.

(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-