

**COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN THE PURCHASE
OF AVRO 748 AIRCRAFT**

*321. **SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the names of countries which have shown some interest in the purchase of Avro 748 aircraft which is being built at Aircraft Manufacturing Depot, Kanpur?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.
RAGHURAMAIAH):** Some countries have made enquiries. No firm orders have been received.

**SETTING UP OF TANK MANUFACTURING
FACTORY IN THE RANCHI DISTRICT**

*322. **SHRI P. C. MITRA:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under active consideration of Government for the setting up of a tank manufacturing factory in the district of Ranchi?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.
RAGHURAMAIAH):** No, Sir.

**†PUBLICATION OF ANTI-INDIAN ARTICLES
IN 'CHINA TODAY'**

*387. **SHRI RAMGOPAL GUPTA:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what action Government have taken against the owners of the press for the publication of anti-Indian articles in "China Today"; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to take any action against the owners of the press?

**THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI LAL BAHADUR):** (a) and (b). The matter is under consideration.

**†BOUNDARY DISPUTE BETWEEN U.P.
AND BIHAR**

*394. **SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States of U.P. and Bihar have referred their boundary dispute to the Prime Minister for final settlement; and

(b) if so, what has so far been done in the matter?

**THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI LAL BAHADUR):** (a) Yes.

(b) The Prime Minister has appointed Shri C. M. Trivedi, Member of the Planning Commission, as arbitrator to go into this question and to submit his report to him in due course.

†MANUFACTURE OF TRACTORS

*395. **SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tractors are being manufactured in India in the private sector;

(b) if so, whether these companies manufacture tractors in collaboration with foreign concerns;

(c) what are the sizes of the various tractors manufactured by these companies; and

(d) what are the actual prospects of tractor-manufacture in India?

**THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND
HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI C.
SUBRAMANIAM):** (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

At present, four firms in the private sector have been licensed under the Industries (Development and Regula-