

manufacture defence equipment by involving both the Public sector as well as Private sector. A new chapter under Buy and Make (Indian) has been added to Defence Procurement Procedure. The above steps are aimed at reducing the quantum of import of defence equipment by developing indigenous capability.

Several measures are also being taken to encourage greater private sector participation in Defence Manufacturing. The offset policy promulgated by the Ministry of Defence is another important step taken to widen Defence Industrial Base in the country which is also having the desired impact.

#### **Purchase of C-17 Globemaster Transport Aircraft**

361. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any further proposal for purchase of C-17 Globemaster III military transport aircraft which has been already signed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is presently no proposal for procurement of additional C-17 Globemaster III aircraft for the Indian Air Force.

#### **Involvement of Ex-servicemen in fake job racket**

362. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ex-servicemen are involved in conducting fake job rackets;

(b) if so, the details of ex-servicemen involved in this crime;

(c) whether Government has taken any measures against the guilty;

(d) how many such cases happened during the last one year; and

(e) how many common people have been cheated by these racketeers during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) No such cases have come to notice.

(b) to (e) Does not arise in view of (a) above.