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(b) Air violations are being suitably dealt with.

CHINESE SUCCESS IN PRODUCING NUCLEAR MISSILES

*190. SHRI M. K. MOHTA :

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE/ रक्षा मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a recent publication of the International Institute for Strategic Studies "The Military Balance 1971-72" disclosing China's success in producing nuclear missiles with 1,600 kms. range apart from boosting its nuclear air strike capability and overall military strength; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government of India with regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE/ रक्षा मंत्री (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) Yes.

(b) Government is aware of China's nuclear capabilities, its nuclear delivery systems, and its overall military strength. We are aware of its implications in terms of national security and have taken them into account in formulating our policies and Plans.

LACK OF FACILITIES TO TOURISTS

*191. SHRI SITARAM KESRI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION/ पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of tourists visiting India has been on the decline during the last two years; and

(b) whether it is due to the lack of various facilities to the tourists; if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION/ पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री : (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) No, Sir. On the contrary there has been an increase, as is clear from the following figures :—

1968 . . .	1,88,820	..
1969 . . .	2,44,727	29.6%
1970 . . .	2,80,821	14.8%

(b) Does not arise.

CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN NEPAL AND INDIA

*192. SHRI A. D. MANI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION/ पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Nepal have started negotiations with the Government of India for a new Civil Aviation Agreement; and

(b) if so, the facilities asked for by the Government of Nepal and the facilities demanded by the Government of India from Nepal in regard to the continuance of the Agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION/ पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) Discussions between the air transport delegations of the Government of India and His Majesty's Government of Nepal were last held at Kathmandu between August 17 and 20, 1971. Further discussions are expected to be held at New Delhi at a mutually convenient date

(b) The Nepalese side wish to extend R.N.A.C. (Royal Nepal Airlines Corporation) services beyond India to have additional points in India. It was decided that the two delegations would resume their talks after collecting further data and studying matters in greater detail.

DURGAPUR CHEMICALS LIMITED, WEST BENGAL

193. SHRI KALYAN ROY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS/ पेट्रोलियम और रसायन : be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Durgapur Chemicals Limited, West Bengal, is practically lying idle since August 1970; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the quantity of products and value thereof that has been manufactured in this plant during the years 1970 and 1971 month-wise; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to cope with its administrative, financial, mechanical and other difficulties ?