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**Summary:**

Transcript of questions and answers between members of the Rajya Sabha and the Minister of External Affairs, Shri Sitaram Jaipuria, on communication with the UK government in regard to the development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

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**DISCUSSION ON THE FOURTH FIVE YEAR PLAN OF STATES**

190. SHRI SYED HUSSAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the State Governments with which the Fourth Five Year Plan discussions by the Planning Commission have ended in deadlocks; and

(b) what are the reasons therefor ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) The drafts of the Fourth Five Year Plans formulated by the States were discussed with the State Governments in the months of December & January.

There is no deadlock, as such, in any case although there are gaps between the allocations desired by the States & those which, in the view of the Planning Commission, are likely to be available. Final decisions on the size and content of the Fourth Plan of each individual State will be taken after the Fourth Five Year Plan is approved by the National Development Council.

**ACQUISITION OF PLANES**

191. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India propose to acquire planes which would have better performance than MIGs; and

(b) if so, the result of the efforts so far made in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b) It is a continuing effort of Government to equip the IAF with better types of aircraft from time to time to meet its operational requirements. It would not be in the public interest to disclose further details.

**BRITAIN'S COLLABORATION WITH INDIA FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY**

192. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India have received any communication from the Government of the United Kingdom regarding Britain's collaboration with India in the development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes;

(b) if so, the details of the communication; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Government of India thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**STUDY OF INDIA'S DEFENCE BY MIT PROJECT**

193. SHRI ARJUN ARORA :  
SHRI GULAB NABI  
UNTOO :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to Press reports that MIT of the United States of America has launched a project of study of India's defences;

(b) if so, whether there are any Indian collaborators in the project; and

(c) whether Government have studied the implications of the MIT project ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) to (c) Government have seen the Press reports but are not aware of the launching of such a project.

**REQUEST OF MAULVI FAROOQ OF KASHMIR FOR VISIT TO PAKISTAN**

194. SHRI SYED HUSSAIN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :