

(b) No, Sir, In terms of the guidelines issued by Government to the financial institutions, a convertibility clause in respect of foreign currency loans can be written in only in loan agreements referred to in (ii) above covering the rupee assistance to industrial concerns to enable the latter to purchase foreign exchange from foreign lines of Credit allocated by the Government of India. TISCO has accepted the writing in of the clause governing the loan granted to it from the U. K. line of Credit by the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India.

DETAILS OF PAKISTANI CASUALTIES

*166. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India are in possession of Information regarding Pakistani defence personnel who were killed or wounded in the recent Indo-Pak conflict;

(b) if so, the number of Pakistani defence personnel who were (i) killed, (ii) wounded in the conflict; and

(c) the number of Pakistani tanks, planes and naval vessels and submarine which were destroyed in the conflict

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) and (b) Pakistani casualties, both wounded and killed are known to be very heavy. However, Government does not have any detailed information in this regard. Pakistan has not yet made any statement on the subject.

(c) In my statement to the House on 18.12.71 the following estimates of Pakistani losses had been furnished :—

Aircraft	94
Tanks	246
War Ships	2
Submarines	2
Gun boats	16
Mine sweepers	2

The verification of these estimates is still incomplete. Pakistan has not made any statement in regard to its losses.

अणु आयुधों का निर्माण

*167. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :

श्री मान सिंह वर्मा :

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हाल के भारत-पाकिस्तान के युद्ध तथा पाकिस्तान के साथ चीन और अमरीका की साठसाठ को ध्यान में रखते हुए भारत सरकार अणु आयुधों के निर्माण का कोई विचार रखती है; और

(ख) यदि हां तो इस सम्बन्ध में किए गए निर्णयों का व्यौरा क्या है ?

†[MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

*167. SHRI J. P. YADAV :

SHRI MAN SINGH VARMA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether, in view of the recent India-Pakistan war and Sino-American collusion with Pakistan, the Government of India have any proposal to manufacture nuclear weapons; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken ?]

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उत्पन्न ।

†[THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.]

INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS

*168. SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHARAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the collections of income-tax have shown an improvement during the recent months as compared to the corresponding period for the previous year; if so, to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : The collections of Income-tax and Corporation-tax have shown an improvement during the recent months as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year as would be seen from the following Table :

† [English translation