

(d) what are the names of villages in Rajasthan affected due to radiation by the said Project;

(e) the number of times when the Rawatbhata plant has been closed since its setting up of with the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether it is a fact that developed countries have decided not to put up any more atomic power plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) A Press Report relating to the demand for enquiry into the effects of radiation from Atomic Power Plant at Rawatbhata in Rajasthan purported to have been made by Dr. Sanghamitra Desai Agadekar, Director of Sampurna Kranti Vidyalaya, Surat (Gujarat) has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) The operational releases from Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS) over the past several years have been well within the permissible limits so as not to cause any perceivable health effects to population in the area around the plant. The radiation dose at the exclusion zone boundary (i.e. 6 kms) from Rajasthan Atomic Power Station due to release of radioactive materials is negligible.

(d) No villages in Rajasthan are affected due to radiation by the said project in view of (c) above.

(e) RAPS-1 had 215 unplanned and 24 planned outages. RAPS-2 had 106 unplanned and 25 planned outages. These relate to the period from the beginning of commercial operation i.e. 16-12-1973 for RAPS-1 and 01.04.1981 for RAPS-2 to end of July, 1990. The planned outages were for preventive and predictive maintenance of the various systems of the plant. The unplanned outages were due to problems relating to equipment and components including instability of the grid to which these two units are connected. The units were brought back on line as soon as the cause of such outages were removed.

(f) In some countries there has been slowing down of nuclear power programme for various reasons including that of low demand for additional power and pressures relates to environmental and safety considerations. In certain countries like France, nuclear power contributes almost 80 per cent of the electricity generation. More stations are being added there in order to export electricity. Government has a responsibility to meet energy needs of the country of various categories of the population and for different sector of economic development. Government is of the view that nuclear energy can play an important role in this regard. While pursuing this objective Government will also see to it that all that is necessary is done to ensure safety and avoidance of hazards that have been of public concern.

Complaints against an officer posted in Education and Culture Wing of the Indian Embassy, Washington

3040. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have some complaints from doctors and scientists about the behaviour of Dr. Sartaj S. Mathur who is posted in the Education and Cultural wing of the Indian Embassy in Washington;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) No. No such complaint against the officer has been received in the Ministry.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Parties/Receptions held in National Museum

3041. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be

pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 149 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 1990 and state:

(a) What are the details of parties/receptions held in the court-yard of the National Museum during the last two years and the amount of funds raised for holding such parties/reception, organisation-wise;

(b) what are the guidelines for according permission to private parties for holding reception; and

(c) whether the guests have also used the balconies and the outer lobbies of the National Museum for cocktail parties; if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not conducting an independent enquiry in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Only one party was held in the National Museum during the last two years which was hosted by the Merrill Lynch, New York for the participants of the Asian Development Bank on the 3rd May, 1990. The entire expenditure on the party was met by Merrill Lynch of New York.

(b) No guidelines exist for such parties.

(c) Guests were permitted to take drinks only in the open Court-Yard and not in the balconies and outer lobbies. Government have already looked into the matter and no further enquiry is needed.

Admission to non-eligible candidates in Kendriya Vidyalaya Branches in Lawrance Road, Shalimar Bagh and Sainik Vihar, Delhi

3042. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that some admissions in Kendriya Vidyalayas have been provided this year to the wards of some parents who are neither in Central Government Service

nor belong to the transferable service category;

(b) if so, under which quota these admissions have been made;

(c) whether Government propose to take any action in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Various Subsidies in the Eighth Five Year Plan

3043. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the irrigation rates, electricity rates and educational facilities are subsidised at present and to which classes of persons;

(b) whether Government are considering any changes in the element of subsidy on these facilities during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) With reference to the year 1987-88 for which the latest National Accounts are available, the irrigation subsidy worked out to Rs. 603.2 per hectare and the electricity subsidy worked out to 74 paise per Kwh. However, National Accounts estimates may not fully reflect quantum of subsidy in all respects. Educational facilities are also subsidised but estimates of subsidies on education are not available. Irrigation and electricity subsidies accrue to agriculturists and educational subsidies accrue to all classes of people.