

CATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) The SHAR Centre at Sriharikota is the main launch base of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for launching satellite launch vehicles and sounding rockets. The ISRO Range Complex (IREX) and the country's largest Solid Propellant Space Booster Plant (SPROB) are at this Centre. The Centre also operates the Static Test and Evaluation Complex (STEX) and the computerised data processing facilities to support the indigenous launch vehicle development and missions.

(b) The SHAR Centre so far has launched four Satellite Launch Vehicle-3 (SLV 3) and two Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle (ASLV) apart from about 300 sounding rockets. Recent achievements include the successful casting and testing of a 125 tonne solid booster (World's third largest booster), erection and commissioning of 3500 tonne Mobile Service Structure for launching of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) and establishment of Precision Coherent Monopulse C-band Radar (PCMC) system.

Pension for Ex-servicemen

934. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what amount is spent on the pension for ex-servicemen; and

(b) what is the present number of ex-servicemen getting such pension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The amount likely to be spent during 1989-90 is estimated at about Rs. 1200 crores.

(b) the number is estimated at about 10 lakhs.

Cut in use of imported content by CTV manufacturers

935. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have urged all the Colour TV manufacturers in the country to cut import content of electronic equipment;

(b) if so, whether the colour TV manufacturers in the country are presently using imported parts of more than forty per cent; and

(c) if so, the steps Government purpose to take to direct colour TV manufacturers to install indigenous parts in colour TVs?

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(b) No, Sir.

Expansion of development programmes of women and children

936. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand programmes relating to the development of women and children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which these programmes would be implemented throughout the country?

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