

(c) and (d) The import of these antibiotics during the last three years is given in the annexure [See Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 68].

(e) the names of the antibiotics cleared by the Government in recent years are given in the Statement.

Statement

Antibiotics cleared

1. Tobramycin
2. Cafazolin Sodium
3. Bacamocillin
4. Amikacin
5. Cefotaxime Sodium
6. Ceftriaxane Sodium
7. Minocycline
8. Cefurexime
9. Oeftazidime pentahydrate.

Cooperation in Space Programme

1522. SHRI RAJNI PANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seeking assistance of other countries in view of the growing international co-operation in space programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Indian Space Programme has benefited by active collaboration with almost all countries having significant space programmes of their own as well as with international agencies. India also share her experience with other nations, especially with developing countries, through selected programmes of training, consultancy and dissemination of information. The details of the cooperative arrangements are given in the Department of Space, Annual Report 1987-88, copies of which are already available in the Parliament Library.

Overcrowding of Space with Artificial Satellites

1523. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Space is getting overcrowded with artificial satellite which could be hazardous in future;

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter in International fora; and

(c) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN):

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of launching of artificial satellites into space by various countries, at the rate of 100 to 130 per year in the recent past. taking the total number of launches to over 3000 in the past 3 decades. However, the current trend of crowding artificial satellites is not hazardous and is not likely to become hazardous in near future. There are some concerns that the 'debris' resulting from the launchings and the used up satellites, when accumulated over a long period in future, may hit other satellites.

(b) Yes, Sir. Possible areas of concern for future activities in space due to 'debris' have been taken up by India in International fora like United Nations Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space of which India is a Member. Also, India as a member of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has been participating in the World Administrative Radio Conferences, which have been involved in the planning and laying down of necessary international regulations for operation of communication satellites in geo-stationary orbits with-