

in principle to increase bilateral trade particularly in the private sector. Other subjects discussed related to economic cooperation, exchange of visits by delegation of industrialists and businessmen and possibility of establishing joint ventures.

(b) Details will be discussed at subsequent meetings to be held shortly including the next meeting of the sub-Commission on Trade formed under Indo-Pak joint Commission and due to be held next month.

(c) The process of establishing facilities to introduce direct dialling between the two countries in progress is apace and when the facilities are fully established, direct dialling would be initiated. As far as a new airline to knit all important regional centres in the South Asia is concerned, as this proposal also involves participation by countries other than India and Pakistan, the matter will have to be discussed in the appropriate forum. •

(d) A number of high level meetings are taking/scheduled to take place. The four Sub-Commissions under the Indo-Pak Joint commission are due to meet next month.

Expeditions to the Antarctica

2502. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any programme has been drawn up by Government for further expeditions to the Antarctica; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The Government has

constituted a high level Committee to draw up a detailed programme for Antarctic research. The fifth expedition was launched on 30-11-85.

T. V. manufacture

2503. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have allowed the multi-nationals and large houses to enter into the field of television manufacture ;

(b) whether Government have studied the implications of their decision ; and

(c) the steps that have been taken to safeguard the interests of the small sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) There is a proposal to bring the policy regarding manufacture of television in line with that applicable to other electronics products, as per Policy Statement of 21st March, 1985.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The proposal takes into account interest of the small scale sector.

Longer Term Plan

2504. SHRI L. GANESAN :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister has asked the Planning Commission to prepare a 15-20 year plan:

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

(c) by when such a plan is likely to be submitted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) No, Sir. The Seventh Five Year Plan 1985-90 has itself been formulated in the perspective, of the next 15 years i.e. 1985-2000. In this connection, a reference is invited to chapter 2 of Volume I of the Seventh Plan Document, which has already been placed on the Table of the House on 4 December, 1985.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Launching of Indian made Satellites into space

3505. SHRI KALPNATH RAI : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) whether any programme has been drawn up for the next decade for launching an Indian made satellites,

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

(c) whether any space launching stations suitable for the purpose are being constructed in the country.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) Low earth orbiting and geostationary experimental satellites fabricated in India have been launched beginning from 1975. While a tentative long term perspective for the period ending 2000 AD has been identified, a detailed programme, including operational satellites to be launched will be drawn up after necessary studies are completed. The programme for the next decade will include the consolidation and continuation of the various projects and programmes which are contained in the Space Profile for the current decade (1980-go), operationalisation of remote sensing applications, communication" TV broadcasting, Polar satellite

I launch vehicles and Geostationary-launch vehicles and introduction of the second generation satellites and launch systems. In addition it will also contain new initiatives in terms of advanced systems, development of both space and ground based systems for intensive spread of education, etc.

(c) The country has already got a Launching Range at Sriharikota. Studies are going on on the question of additional satellite launching stations in the country.

Production of vital chemical for rocket fuel

1506. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a vital chemical for rocket fuel has been produced in the country for the first time ;

(b) whether it has been done by the public or private sector ;

(c) whether this fuel has so far been imported ; and

(d) if so, the cost thereof and the names of the countries from where it was being imported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Most important vital chemical for Rocket Fuels are produced in the country. These have been primarily developed by the