

recommendations of the Committee is in hand.

Setting up of atomic power plants in Tamil Nadu

3112. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of atomic power plants to be set up in Tamil Nadu out of the 18 such plants proposed to be set up in the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up an atomic power plant in the coastal belt of Tirunelveli District of Tamil Nadu?

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) Assessment of sites in Tamil Nadu for location of future atomic power plants is included in the Site Selection Committee's report for the Southern Electricity Region. The report of the Committee is under consideration by the Government.

Supply of anti-Indian material to Indian Pilgrims by Pakistan

3113. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 4th December, 1985 under the caption 'Pakistan gave anti-India material';

(b) whether any protest has been lodged with the Pakistan Government for distributing anti-India material to the Indian Pilgrims during their ten days visit to Sikh shrines in Pakistan on the occasion of Guru Nanak's birth-day anniversary;

(c) if so, what was the reaction of that Government thereto; and

(d) if no protest has been lodged, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The attention of the Pakistan Government has been drawn to the anti-Indian activities of a handful of foreign sikhs during the pilgrimage to Nankana Sahib.

Installation of telescope at Gurushikar

3114. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the results achieved from the 1.2 metre telescope which was recently installed at Gurushikar near Mt. Abu in Rajasthan and has reportedly begun observations in infra-red astronomy; and

(b) the stage at which the proposal to set up a satellite borne infra-Red (I.R.) payload stands at present and whether it will be located at the above station?

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) The work on construction of the Observatory at Gurushikar, Mt. Abu is under progress and the installation of the telescope is expected to be completed by mid-1986.

(b) At present, there is no proposal for a satellite borne infra-red payload. However, a rocket payload is expected to be flown shortly to measure infra-red emission from earth's upper atmosphere at 1.27 microns.