

Report of the Kudal Commission

469. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHA-WAHA;

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kudal Commission in its report submitted to Government has pointed out gross mismanagement and misutilisation of huge funds received from various agencies including foreign agencies by the Gandhi Peace Foundation and some other organisations;

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

(c) what action Government are contemplating to take on the findings of the Kudal Commission; and

(d) whether a copy of the report is proposed to be laid on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA):

(a) to (d) The Interim Report of the Kudal Commission of Inquiry was submitted to the Government on 4-1-1985 and the same is being studied by the Government.

Arjuna Award Winners

470: SHRI HARI SINGH NALWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sportsmen/women who have been awarded Arjuna Awards for their performances so far;

(b) the criteria followed for their selection;

(c) whether Government propose to enhance the amount payable to the award winners from the next year; and

(d) if so, the amount that is likely to be paid to the winners in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) 300.

(b) To be eligible for Arjuna Award, a sportsman/woman should have given good performances for the previous 3 years at the national/international levels with excellence for the year for which the award is given.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration.

(d) Does not arise.

Joint Indo-US Space Flight

471. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted an offer of the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to fly an Indian payload specialist aboard the National Aeronautics and Space Administration space shuttle in connection with the flight of INSAT-IC in June 1986; and

(b) whether the acceptance has formally been communicated to NASA; what will be the purpose of this space flight and in what field the joint USA-Indian experiments will be conducted-

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have accepted the offer of the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to fly an Indian Payload Specialist on board the NASA Space shuttle in connection with the flight of INSAT-IC in 1986.