## Star War

443. SHRI RAM AN AND YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleas-sed to state whether in view of the development of space weapons and the subsequent risk of star war in the world, Government propose to raise the matter in various international forums and also with the super powers to avert this threat with incalculable consequences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): The Government of India is seriously concerned about the grave danger of an extensio of the arms race into outer space. During the 25-years of the space age outer space has remained free from the deployment of any weapons of mass destruction. Today, however, we confront the frightening prospect of a dangerous new arms race in outer space whereby weapons of mass destruction would be targeted at space from earth and deployed in space itself. Anti satellite and anti-ballistic missile defence systems are being developed.

The Government of India has been taking an active part in the deliberations on prevention of an arms race in outer space which are currently being conducted in the Disarmament Conference in Geneva. India has' also raised this issue in the UN General Assembly where. India co-sponsored a resolution on Prevention of the Arms Race in Outer Space in all its aspects. India has consistently drawn attention to the need to preserve outer space for peaceful

uses in various other international forums.

A Summit of the leaders of Greece, Mexico, Tanzania, Argentina Sweden and India in scheduled to take place in New Delhi on 28th January, 198& in order to see how these leaders, representing people from different continents and regions of the world, can further the cause of World Peace and Disarmament.

## Holding of 1992 Olympics in India

- 444. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to make a bid for holding 1992 Olympics in India; and
- (b) if so, the stpes taken or proposed to be taken towards this end?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) As selection of venue for holding 1992 Olympics Games would he considered by the International Olympic Committee only in 1986, the stage for the Government taking a decision to bid for it has not been reached.

## Opening of more areas for private sector

- 445. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Prime Minister, in an interview with the 'Time' Magazine