

Table of the House on 19-8-1983, has revealed that the Plan targets will be fulfilled in full or adequate measure in a number of areas including many in the sectors of agriculture and industry. Details are given both in Chapter 1 and in the Tables at the end of Part-1 of the document.

**Setting up of an atomic power station in Andhra Pradesh..**

3244. SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Sethna the former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission had recommended for the setting up of an atomic power station in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when the plant is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The reconstituted Site Selection Committee is still considering various sites for location of atomic power stations in the different regions of the country. Decision on the setting up of the atomic power plant in the Southern Region of which Andhra Pradesh forms part, can be taken after the report of the Site Selection Committee is received and considered by the Government.

**Population living below poverty line in Andhra Pradesh**

3245. SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population living below poverty line in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to bring the people of Andhra Pradesh above the poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Poverty

estimates are based on periodic surveys of consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation. The last Survey was conducted in 1977-78 while the subsequent Survey scheduled for 1983 is under way. On the basis of the 1977-78 Survey, 47.18 per cent of the total population of Andhra Pradesh was living below the poverty line.

(b) A number of specific programmes involving a direct attack on poverty have been included in the Sixth Five Year Plan. Some of the important programmes in this regard are the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), National Rural Employment Programme (NREP), Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM), etc. Besides, the 20 Point Programme is also aimed towards the same end of alleviation of poverty.

**Progress made by the third Indian expedition to Antarctica..**

3246. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any information in regard to the progress made so far by the Third Indian Expedition to Antarctica; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b) The Third Indian Expedition to Antarctica which left Goa on 3-12-1983 reached Port Louis, Mauritius on 10-12-1983. After a halt of four days there, for re-fuelling, repairs and replenishment of stocks, the expedition sailed for Antarctica on 14-12-1983.

**SMOC dangers in Industrial Towns**

3247. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state-