

India have been given in more detail in the Annual Reports of the Department of Space for years 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library. India is one of the few countries which has active programmes in the field of Space.

(b) India has demonstrated its capability for launching satellites from its own territory through the launch of the Rohini Satellites by India's Satellite Launch Vehicle, SLV-3 during July 1980, May 1981 and April 1983. These satellites were of the 40 kg. class. However, for launching of bigger satellites like Aryabhata, Bhaskara I & II, APPLE and INSAT, India has depended on foreign countries. Government has approved two launch vehicle projects, one with a capability to launch satellites of 150 kg. class in the near earth orbit (Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle — ASLV) and another more powerful launch vehicle capable of launching satellites of 2000 kg. class in near earth polar orbits, (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle—PSLV). Work on these projects is progressing. ASLV is scheduled for launch in 1984-85 and the PSLV in 1987-88.

(c) The Indian Space Programme has clear objectives from the beginning. The main aim of the programme is to use space technology in a self-reliant manner for various national tasks especially for enhancement of satellite communications and for the survey and management of natural resources. Aryabhata helped to acquire experience in satellite technology in terms of design, development, fabrication and in-orbit performance of the various sub-systems. The Rohini satellites launched from the country were to test the performance of the satellite launch vehicle

and also to do certain technological experiments. The two Bhaskara satellites provided experience in the development and fabrication of remote sensing satellites and in utilisation of data. The APPLE satellite has provided experience in designing and fabricating geo-stationary three axis stabilised communication satellites for applications. The INSAT-I Spacecraft, which is an operational system, will enhance the telecommunications, Radio/TV Broadcasting and weather forecasting capabilities.

#### **Talks on foreigners issue**

576. SHRI A JIT KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided not to have any more talks with the leaders of the Assam Movement on foreigners issue, if c.o., the reason therefor; and

(b) whether the task of negotiations with AASU and AAGSP has been left to the State Government of Assam, if so, whether the Government of Assam have started any negotiations to solve the foreigners issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) Government have made its stand clear that its doors are open for further talks on the foreigners issue during recent discussions/debates in Parliament and that Government is anxious to find a just and satisfactory solution in consultation with the State Government and all other interests concerned.

#### **Repression of teachers in Assam**

577. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received any representations for a judicial inquiry

into all cases of repression of teachers in Assam since January, 1983; and

(b) whether any inquiry has been ordered by his Ministry and if so, what are the results of this enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Only recently the Hon'ble Member has written about it.

(b) A Commission of Enquiry headed by Shri T. P. Tiwari has been set up by the Government of Assam to go into the recent disturbances in the State. The Commission will report inter alia whether there were any deficiencies or failure on the part of any authority or individual.

#### Silent Valley Project

578. SHRI K. CHATHUNNI MASTER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) what are the proposals of the Kerala Government regarding the Silent Valley Project which according to a report published in Malayalam 'Manorama' dated 10th July, 1983, were submitted to the Prime Minister when the Kerala Minister for Electricity visited Delhi, recently;

(b) what were the recommendations of Prof. M. G. K. Menon, Member Planning Commission, who was deputed by the Central Government to examine the ecology of the area, in this regard; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Kerala Government have not been supplied till today a copy of the report submitted by Prof. M. G. K. Menon if so, what are the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH): (a) to (c) The Joint Central State Committee set up to examine the ecological aspects of the Silent Valley Project headed by Prof. M. G. K. Menon has submitted its Report to the Government of India as well as the Government of Kerala. The report and the proposals of Government of Kerala are under consideration.

#### Persons selected as IAS/IPS/IFS in 1983-83

579. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: SHRI V. VENKA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of persons selected for IAS, IPS, IFS in 1982 and 1983 with Statewise breakup?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): On the results of Civil Services Examination, 1981, 145 candidates were appointed to the various State/Joint Cadres of the Indian Administrative Service and 65 candidates to the various State/Joint Cadres, of the Indian Police Service in the year 1982. The appointments are yet to be made to these two Services on the results of Civil Services Examination, 1982. On the results of Indian Forest Service Examinations 1981 and 1982, 109 candidates were appointed each year in 1982 and 1983. A statement showing the State-wise break up of the candidates is laid down on the Table of the House.