

(b) whether Government have obtained any report with regard to the "encounter"; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c). The information has been called for from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Use of Regional Languages in I.A.S. Examination

547. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a candidate is allowed to appear for I.A.S. Examination (Preliminary) in any one of the Indian languages other than English and Hindi; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) and (b). The scheme of the Civil Services Examination (Preliminary) Examination consists of two papers viz. (i) General Studies and (ii) one subject to be selected from a list of 21 optional subjects. Both the papers are of objective (multiple choice) type. In view of this, the question of answering the papers in any languages does not arise.

Snags in Apple

548. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that APPLE had developed certain snags;

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

(c) what steps had been taken to remove the snags and with what success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT (SHRI CHANDRA PRATAP NARAIN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Upon arrival in the geo-stationary orbit, one of the two solar panels did not deploy. However the Satellite was operated without any detriment to the planned programmes. In October 1981 temperature rise for a few onboard systems, such as the Earth Sensor and the battery, exceeded the safe limits, for short periods. This was due to the Sun moving to the south of the equator and the consequent extra heat input through the south radiator. The south radiator is the only effective radiator, as the north radiator has remained blocked due to the undeployed solar panel.

(c) The APPLE Mission Team has successfully devised appropriate manoeuvres to contain the temperature rise and from 22nd October 1981 onwards, the payload is being operated again.

Illegal Operation of Badarpur Mines

549. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE:

SHRI SWAMI DINESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reckless and illegal operation of hazardous Badarpur mines belonging to the Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation, continues despite frequent fatal accidents involving lives of poor labourers including children and women;

(b) what is the number of accidents that took place in these mines during the past two years and the number of lives involved therein; and

(c) what steps have been taken to prevent this illegal operation of the