

State Governments, including the Government of West Bengal, have requested that one of the units may be set up in their State. The West Bengal Government have also offered a site in the Salt Lake area for the purpose. No final decision regarding setting up and location of the new units has been taken so far.

Communication Facilities Through INSAT

505. SHRI NARSINGH NARAIN PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for putting INSAT in orbit in the year 1982; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have selected the places for the establishment of Earth Stations in different parts of the country to improve communication facilities; and

(c) if so, what are the names of such places where these stations are likely to be set up in the country and what is the priority fixed for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT (SHRI CHANDRA PRATAP NARAIN SINGH): (a) the first-generation Indian National Satellite System (INSAT—I), a multipurpose operational satellite system for telecommunications, meteorological data relay and imaging, and radio & TV, is under an advanced stage of implementation. It is expected to achieve initial operational status around mid-1982. The launch of the first INSAT—I (INSAT—IA) satellite is scheduled for April 1982.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) For telecommunications purposes, 28 fixed and 3 transportable stations are being set up by the Posts and Telegraphs Department. Two main stations (Delhi and Madras) and five remote

area stations (Port Blair, Car Nicobar, Leh, Aizwal and Kavaratti) have already been commissioned for commercial use. The work on twentyone fixed stations at places given below is in progress and these stations are scheduled to be operational by mid-1982:

CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, SHILLONG, JAIPUR, LUCKNOW, JULLUNDER, PATNA, BHUBANESHWAR, HYDERABAD, AHMEDABAD, ERNAKULAM, SRINAGAR, JODHPUR, BHUJ, PANJIM, MINICOY, GANGTOK, ITANAGAR, KOHIMA, IMPHAL AND AGARTALA.

In addition, the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) are setting up three stations, one on-shore at Uran and two on off-shore platforms, for command and control of off-shore oil wells.

Review of Decisions by Electronic Commission

506. SHRI M. KALAYANASUNDARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have ordered a review on all the decisions taken by the Electronic Commission since its formulation in 1971;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such an over-all review; and

(c) what is the machinery set-up for such a review?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT (SHRI CHANDRA PRATAP NARAIN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Effect of Price Rise on Annual Plan

507. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of the cumulative effect of an aggregate price rise dur-