

Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee that special programmes of training dealing with sounding rocket experimentation be conducted at Thumba. The Government welcomes international participation in the manner suggested.

SPACE RESEARCH FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDIES

754. SHRI M. C. SHAH Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the progress so far made by the Thumba Rocket Station in exploring the possibilities of space research for post-graduate studies?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : A proposal to make available the facilities of the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station (TERLS) for post-graduate studies in space research is being examined in consultation with the Kerala University

KALPAKKAM ATOMIC POWER PLANT

755 SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the French collaboration in setting up the atomic power plant at Kalpakkam are backing out; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) Exploratory talks have been held with the French Government which indicate that a special loan for the Kalpakkam Power Plant is not likely to materialise. Government are sorry that it has not been possible to secure this loan.

ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTS FACTORY

756. SHRI M C SHAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether any final decision has been taken by the Atomic Energy Commission for the location of Electronic Instruments Factory?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : Yes, Sir. The site selected for the electronic instruments factory is near Hyderabad

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FOREIGNERS AT NIZAMUDDIN URS

757. SHRI RAM SINGH Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons from Pakistan and other foreign countries who attended the Urs Ceremony of Nizamuddin Aulia in Delhi this year; and

(b) whether the inflow of devotees from foreign countries has increased as compared to the earlier years?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) :

(a) and (b) Pilgrims from foreign countries other than Pakistan have not been coming for the Urs Ceremony of Nizamuddin Aulia in Delhi this year or in previous years. From Pakistan 184 pilgrims came for the ceremony this year, the number has been increasing over the past 6 years, except in 1961 and 1965 when no Pakistani pilgrims came

NUCLEAR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

758 SHRI M. C SHAH Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the demand for and the actual production of the nuclear electronic equipment in the country by the Atomic Energy Commission during years 1964-65 and 1965-66?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) The demand in 1964-65 and 1965-66 assessed on the basis of orders booked and carried over from the previous years was Rs. 100.71 lakhs and Rs. 120.80 lakhs respectively. The production at sale price during these years was Rs. 43.60 lakhs and Rs. 61 lakhs respectively

MILITARY CENTRES IN ALL STATES

759 SHRI M. S. OBEROI. Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish military centres in all States, on the pattern of one in Gujarat to promote defence consciousness among civilians and to provide them with facilities for defence training on modern lines; and

(b) if so main features of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A M THOMAS) : (a) The Government of India are not running any such centre in Gujarat, nor is there any proposal under consideration to establish such centres in the States.

(b) Does not arise

CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN INFORMATION SERVICE AND EXTENSION SERVICE

760. SHRI S K. VAISHAMPAYEN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to co-ordinate the activities of Information Service of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting with those of the Extension Service and Research Units concerning Agricultural Production ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : Informational activities concerning agricultural production fall into two broad categories

- (a) General Publicity Campaigns; and
- (b) Informative and educational campaigns directed to the farmers

General publicity is undertaken by the officers and units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting directly but with the active help and assistance of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture. The informational activities directed towards the farmers are carried out by the Farm Information Unit attached to the Directorate of Extension for the Department of Agriculture at the Centre and similar units attached to the Departments of Agriculture in the States. These units are responsible for disseminating results of research to farmers, providing technical know-how, flow of information about results achieved by successful farmers and publicising extension information on Centrally sponsored development programmes and campaigns. In respect of these activities also there is close co-ordination between these units and the principal media units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, namely, All India Radio, Films Division and Field Publicity Units

In so far as Radio is concerned, in respect of the daily rural programmes broadcast from every station as also of pro-

grammes broadcast through the Farm and Home Units set up at the headquarters and 10 stations of All India Radio close and constant liaison is maintained by officials of All India Radio with those of the Farm Information Units of Department of Agriculture. Each station of All India Radio has also a Rural Programme Advisory Committee on which different interests are represented

The film production programme of the Central Farm Information Unit of the Directorate of Extension and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is implemented through the Films Division.

The Field Publicity Units of the Government of India, as also of the State Governments, work in close collaboration with the Farm Information Units and extension organisation in the field.

†UTILISATION OF ZIRCON SANDS

793. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether Zircon Sands found in huge quantities in Kerala are being utilised in any industries in India and are being processed into any intermediate or semi-manufactured goods, and

(b) if so, which are the industries that are utilising it either for both or for one of the purposes ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) Zircon separated from the beach sands of Kerala and Madras States is at present being utilized as a refractory sand in steel foundries in India and as a glazing agent by the ceramics and sanitary wares industry

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