

customer requirement. The remaining 5 transponders were allocated to TV broadcasting and digital news gathering services on commercial basis.

Satish Dhawan Space Centre

437. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK :

SHRI SANJAY RAUT :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Space Research Organisation is drawing up plans to develop the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota into a centre for assembling satellites and rockets in future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this would happen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) : (a) and (b) Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota (SDSC-SHAR) has already been developed as space port of India and as a major ISRO Centre for assembly, integration and launching of rockets. However, augmentation of the integration and launch facilities for rockets are contemplated, in association with Indian Industries, in and around Sriharikota to meet the future demand. The assembly of satellites is carried out at the ISRO Satellite Centre at Bangalore and there are no plans to develop SDSC-SHAR for assembly of satellites.

(c) Does not arise.

Launching of high capacity satellite

†438. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE :

SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to launch a high penetration capability satellite to keep constant monitoring of the large area of Indian borders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said satellites are likely to transmit uninterrupted pictures continuously;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the said system would be helpful in controlling plane crashes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) India is planning to launch a Radar Imaging Satellite (RISAT-1) equipped with a Microwave Imaging Instrument having capability to penetrate through the clouds for imaging various parts of the country, including border areas. This satellite is planned for launch in first quarter of 2012 by India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC).

(c) No, Sir. The satellite will be transmitting the picture data only during the passage of the satellite over India to the receiving station located at Hyderabad.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir. The system would not be helpful in controlling a plane crash.

(f) Does not arise.

Private players for setting up of steel plants

439. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of MoUs signed between Government and private players for setting up of steel plants in the country during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise and company-wise;

(b) the progress of each of the above MoU;

(c) whether many companies have not yet started setting up of plant and the proposals are just on paper; and

(d) if so, the details of such companies and whether Ministry would review the MoUs in view of exorbitant delay in setting up of steel plants?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) The details of MoUs signed between State Government and private players for setting up of steel plants in the country during the last five years status of projects, year-wise, state-wise and company-wise are annexed, as per the record of information available in the Ministry of Steel (Statement-I, II and III) (See below). The progress in respective MoUs have also been indicated.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The details of such companies are given in the Statement-I, II and III (See below). Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is purely a statement of understanding between the concerned State Government and the respective steel investor. Government of India has no role to play in the MoU. The relevant articles in the MoU are to be exercised between the concerned State Government and the respective Investor.