

(c) Suitable steps have been taken to further strengthen the security measures along the international border with Burma.]

DEVELOPMENT OF ADVANCED REACTOR RESEARCH

260. SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made by India in the development of advanced reactor research particularly thorium fast breeder;

(b) if so, what are the funds allotted for the purpose; and

(c) if no funds have been allotted, what are the reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Feasibility studies on a Fast Breeder Reactor with Thorium as a fertile blanket material to generate fissile U-233 have been completed. Construction of a prototype Fast Breeder Power Reactor of medium capacity to test fuel performance and to develop sodium coolant technology is being planned during the Fourth Plan period.

(b) and (c) Research and development work has been carried out by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre with funds allotted for its normal activities. Provision of funds required for the reactor will be considered at the appropriate time after a final decision is taken on the detailed Project Report which is expected to be ready shortly.

BUREAU OF PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

261. SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government regarding placing the Bureau of Public Undertakings under either the Ministry of Finance or the Ministry of Industrial Development and Company Affairs; and

(b) if so, the nature of the decision?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

BILATERAL TALKS WITH U.S.A.

262. SHRI ARJUN ARORA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any bilateral talks were held with the Government of the United States in June this year ;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) whether the American authorisation of sale of NATO arms to Pakistan was mentioned at these talks ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) The talks projected for the end of June were postponed because of unforeseen demands on the time of the leader of the U.S. delegation, Mr. Katzenbach as well as to suit our convenience. These talks will now be held in New Delhi from July 26th to July 28th.

(b) and (c) The talks will cover a wide range of issues of mutual interest and it is not the intention to restrict them to any particular topic. The question of arm supplies to Pakistan would also feature in these talks.

BUILDING OF CINEMA THEATRES

263. SHRI ARJUN ARORA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by Government for building cinema theatres; and

(b) the steps taken to secure the buildings of cinema theatres by the authorities which collect entertainment tax ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) and (b) This matter concerns the State Governments. Information is being collected from them and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

CHILDREN'S FILM SOCIETY

264. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHOWDHARI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the name of the Chairman of the Children's Film Society;