

at Dahej. Further, the air assets at Coast Guard Air Station at Daman located 40 nautical miles south of Hazira are also available if needed at short notice. Hence, it was decided not to set up a Coast Guard station at Hazira.

**Programmes for development of rural areas in frontier districts**

963. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes being implemented by the Ministry for development of rural areas in frontier districts of the country along with the names of these programmes;

(b) the district-wise number of schemes of the State for which funds have been allotted to the frontier districts of Uttarakhand from year 2011 till date;

(c) whether the Ministry, keeping in view the geographical hardships of hilly districts of Uttarakhand, would allocate more funds for development of the frontier districts of the State; and

(d) if so, the details of development blocks included under these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) Ministry of Defence does not implement any specific programme for development of rural areas in frontier districts.

**CBI inquiry in Augusta Westland VVIP helicopter deal**

964. SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI is inquiring into the charges of unethical dealings by an Italian company in the sale of 12 Augusta Westland helicopters to the Ministry of Defence;

(b) whether it is also a fact that bribes were paid to Indian people including former Air Chief to win the contract and whether Government is aware that the CEO of Finmeccanica has been arrested by the Italian Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that he has received communications from the Members of Parliament about this scam and if so, what is the action taken thereon;