

**Extension for Panel of Sub-Categorisation of OBCs**

1554. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved the extension for the panel of sub-categorisation of OBCs upto April 2, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked the panel to complete the task by this extended time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Government has approved the extension of tenure of the Commission for Other Backward Classes to examine sub-categorization of Other Backward Classes, by twelve weeks *w.e.f.* 03.01.2018. The Government has mandated that the Commission shall present its report by 27.03.2018.

**Installation of security gadgets**

1555. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sriharikota Space Centre (SHAR) and other such vital installations in the country are adequately protected from any security threats;

(b) the safety and security measures that have been taken by Government to identify and thwart any threats emanating from the sea, air and ground;

(c) the funds allocated for carrying out the safety and security surveillance of these vital and strategically important installations during the last three years;

(d) whether Government has taken any steps to boost electronic security and surveillance to these vital installations and commissioned the installation of thermal cameras; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes Sir, security and safety for all vital installations of ISRO in the country including Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota is provided by armed Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). All the extant orders and directives issued by MHA from time to time on security measures are being complied by the Department.