

- (a) Clustering of leukaemia cases; and
- (b) The incidence of such clusters due to influx of population from other areas to study area. Except these two sites, at no other sites of operating nuclear power plants any statistical health effects (cancer, leukaemia or genetic) have been reported.

Gymnastic Schools

1019. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Gymnastic Schools that exist in the country;
- (b) whether Government have any proposal to set up more such schools;
- (c) when was work on the Gymnastic School at Tellichery, Kerala commenced and when was it completed; and
- (d) what was the total cost of setting up the Gymnastic School at Tellichery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (c). Government have not set up any Gymnastic Schools nor is there any proposal to this effect. However, under the Special Area Games Scheme of the Sports Authority of India, work on the setting up of a Gymnastics Training Centre (which is not the same as gymnastic school) at Tellicherry was started in July 1988 and the training activities are expected to commence in April/May 1990.

(d) The total estimated cost of setting up the Gymnastic Training Centre is Rs. 30.60 lakhs.

Private Agencies for Naval Base and Naval Academy Works

1020. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether major Defence Projects like Navalbase at Karwar and Naval Academy at Ezhimala have been entrusted to private agencies/consultants;
- (b) whether any objections to private involvement in Defence projects have been received;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the reasons as to why these two projects were not entrusted to the Military Engineering Service; and
- (e) the estimated cost of these two projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) A Public Sector Undertaking, M/s. Engineers India Ltd., have been appointed as the Prime Minister Consultant for preparation of the Master Plan and Detailed Project Report for the proposed Naval Base at Karwar in Karnataka. An Australian-Dutch Consortium, viz. M/s. REDECON-NEDECO have been retained as the Foreign Consultant. M/s. Satnam Namita and Associates of Chandigarh have been selected as the Architect for the proposed Naval Academy at Ezhimala in Kerala, through an all-India competition. No consultant has yet been appointed for this Project.

(b) and (c) The All India MES Civilian Engineers Association, Cochin Area and the