

(b) if so, the increase recorded in 1994-95 in comparison to 1992-93 in this regard;

(c) the target fixed in this regard for the year 1995-96; and

(d) the amount of foreign exchange likely to be earned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES) (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The value of exports (both direct and deemed) in 1992-93 was Rs. 261.31 crores and in 1994-95 it was Rs. 545.87 crores (provisional), an increase of 108 per cent.

(c) and (d). The target of direct exports in 1995-96 is of Rs. 167 crores.

[English]

General Election

506. SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO :
SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH :
SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI RABI RAY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Election Commission has called an all Party meet on Lok Sabha polls;

(b) whether any model code of conduct was discussed in the meeting;

(c) if so, the decision taken therein; and

(d) whether any specific date has been fixed for conducting the elections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. This was one of the subjects discussed at the meetings.

(c) According to the information made available by the Election Commission, no decision in the matter was taken.

(d) No, Sir.

[Translation]

Ocean Sat Satellite

507. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
DR. RAMAKRISHNA KUSMARIA :
SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA) :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to launch 'Ocean Sat' satellite to explore the resources of the sea and to study the effect of sea on weather forecasting;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the 'Ocean Sat' satellite is likely to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (c). As a part of the Indian Remote Sensing Satellite (IRS) Series programme, some state-of-the-art payloads for specific applications in the ocean area are being included for launch during the next few years. IRS-P4 which is expected to be launched in the 1996-97 timeframe will carry payloads primarily for oceanographic applications. These include a Ocean Colour Monitor (OCM) and a Multifrequency Scanning Microwave Radiometer (MSMR). The OCM payload would be optimised specifically for studies on ocean biology. MSMR payload would be capable of providing information on physical oceanographic parameters such as sea surface temperature, wind speed and water vapour during all weather conditions including cloudy seasons. Another satellite which is scheduled to be launched during the timeframe of 1998-99 is expected to carry advanced versions of oceanographic payloads such as Scatterometer and Altimeter, besides OCM. Scatterometer and Altimeter payloads are capable of providing information of ocean dynamic parameters such as ocean surface winds, waves and currents. Information obtained from these payloads will help to explore the resources of the ocean and to study the influence of ocean on weather.

[English]

Compensation by DDA

508. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to the answer given to unstarred question No. 966 dated 7.8.1995 and state :