

material for the Coir processing centres. 20000 motorised ratts are also proposed to be distributed coir cooperatives. The Government of India will meet 20% of the total project cost. During 93-94 Rs. 24 lakhs has already been released on this account.

- ii) New Materials, including Polymers
- iii) Modern Biology and Biotechnology
- iv) Manufacturing Science.
- v) Astronomy and Astrophysics.

Indo-Japan Science Council

542. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indo-Japan Science Council has been established recently;

(b) if so, the objectives of the Council; and

(c) the number of sittings held so far by the Council and the decisions taken therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN 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) Yes, Sir.

(b) This Council has been formed as an arrangement for facilitating cooperative activities between Indian and Japanese scientists.

(c) The Council met once on August, 23 and 24, 1993 and decided on areas and mechanisms of cooperation. The areas mutually agreed upon are as under :

- i) Molecular structure, Spectroscopy and Dynamics

Remote Sensing Business

543. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has entered into the arena of Remote Sensing business; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir. Antrix Corporation Limited of the Department of Space has been marketing India space products and services in the international market. One of the important areas in remote sensing. Antrix has been promoting the sale of remote sensing systems, data products and other services.

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Cryogenic Engine Deal

544. SHRI MOHAN SINGH (DEORIA) :
SHRI PREM DHUMAL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be