

(b) the details of the amount spent on various schemes; and

(c) the details of the prospective plans of the Government to become self reliant in the field of atomic energy?

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) During 1992-94, besides the commercial operation of the indigenously designed and built second unit of the Narora Atomic Power Station and first unit of the Kakrapar Atomic Power Station (raising the installed capacity to 1720 MWe), other measures for the development of atomic energy included design and development work for a 500 MWe unit; good progress at the Fast Breeder Test Reactor at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research; technology development in the Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor; the development of useful advanced technologies for Power reactors; progress on building the spent fuel reprocessing plant at Kalpakkam; operationalization of the waste immobilization plant at Tarapur; increase in the production of fuel bundles and the fabrication of MOX fuel bundles; and increased production of heavy water etc.

(b) A statement showing the expenditure incurred on Atomic Energy Programme during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94 and anticipated expenditure during 1994-95 is indicated below :

Sector	Actuals 1992-93	Actuals 1993-94	Anticipated 1994-95
			(Rs. in Crores)
Research and Development	84.09	100.21	149.13
Industry and Minerals	147.53	149.47	185.95
Power	740.26	679.87	844.00
Total	971.88	929.55	1179.08

(c) India has already acquired a high degree of self-reliance in the entire nuclear fuel cycle including prospecting and mining of Uranium, fabrication of fuel, construction of reactors, production of heavy water and waste management. In the field of Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors the indigenous content of project has been raised progressively to 85%-90%.

SC/ST Posts

3350. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of posts actually held by SC/ST and OBCs in Central Government Offices and Public Undertakings, as per 1991 census figures; and

(b) the steps being taken to fill the back-log?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) The 1991 census figures do not indicate the percentage of posts actually held by SC/ST and OBC in Central Government Offices and Public Undertakings.

(b) In order to fulfil the backlog of reservation, Special Recruitment Drives were conducted in 1989, 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1993-94. A special recruitment drive will also be launched from 1st June '95, in the current year.

Smuggling of Uranium

3351. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK :
SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH :
SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether U.S. uranium bag has been seized from hideouts of terrorists in Jaipur;

(b) if so, the Government propose to investigate the matter to the effect that terrorists are getting U.S. manufactures uranium;

(c) whether the Government have held or propose to hold talks with USA in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government are investigating the case regarding involvement of any other country; and

(f) 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 AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) No, Sir. According to the report received from the Government Rajasthan there was an encounter between the police and militants in the Model Town Area in Jaipur. During the search of the hide-out

of the militants, a sealed leather pouch marked "Made in USA" was recovered, the contents of which, on analysis by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), were found to be a resin, which is an organic compound and not uranium.

(b) to (f). Do not arise.

[Translation]

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3352. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the districts in each State facing difficulties due to salinity in ground water;

(b) whether the Government propose to accord priority to them for providing drinking water under the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM); and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI HARJIBHAI PATEL) : (a) The Government of India have information only about the States/UTs as listed below (not district-wise) which are known to be affected with salinity in ground water :

1. Andhra Pradesh, 2. Bihar, 3. Gujarat, 4. Haryana, 5. Himachal Pradesh, 6. Karnataka, 7. Kerala, 8. Manipur, 9. Orissa, 10. Punjab, 11. Rajasthan 12. Sikim, 13. Tamil Nadu, 14. Uttar Pradesh, 15. West Bengal, 16. Maharashtra, 17. Andaman and Nicobar, 18. Delhi, 19. Lakshadweep.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The problem is tackled under the sub-mission on control of brackishness. Under this programme, Government of India has provided financial assistance for installation of 163 desalination plants providing safe drinking water through alternative sources of water.

Encounter in Doda

3353. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any encounter between the force and the hard-core terrorists in Doda district of Jammu recently;

(b) if so, the number of soldiers and terrorists killed as a result thereof;

(c) the details of the arms seized and important clues obtained from the terrorists; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to curb terrorism in the State?

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) and (b). 34 incidents of cross firing between the militants and security forces took place in District Doda during the period from 1.1.95 to 15.4.95. In these incidents, 6 security force personnel and 37 militants were killed.

(c) The following arms and ammunition were recovered from the militants killed and on the instance of those arrested during the period under report :

AK rifles	24
AK Ammunition	399
Pistol/Revolvers	5
-do- ammunition	7
Grenades/Hand Grenades	8
UMG	1
LMG	1
Explosive Material	23 Kgs.

(d) Sustained pressure is being maintained on the militants to contain their activities, and steps have been taken to optimise and maximise the impact of security operations. These include further streamlining of the intelligence machinery to enable targetted operations; ensuring close coordination between various operational agencies; increasing the involvement of the State Police in anti-terrorist operations; continuous vigil along the International Border and LOC to prevent/check infiltration of men and weapons; strengthening of security arrangements and patrolling in vulnerable and far flung areas; and securing people's cooperation to enable better flow of information and, simultaneous attempts to minimise the scope for harm to civilian lives and property in security operations.

[English]

Enhancement of Stipend

3354. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the post-graduate students of Institute of Post-Graduate Teaching and Research, Jamnagar and NIA, Jaipur have approached the Government for enhancement of their stipend at par with junior Residents under modern medicine;

(b) if so, the decision of the Government thereto;

(c) the other demands of these students; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to meet all their demands?