

Also under the Norwegian Agency for International Development (NORAD) Scheme of Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD), Department of Electronics is associated with DWCD for employment linked training schemes for poor and needy women in the country. These programmes are in the area of electronics and computer operation. Under this scheme, stipend and training kits are provided to the trainees.

#### Legal Aid Programme

2370. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons benefited by the legal aid programme in Gujarat during the last three years, till-date;

(b) whether the Government propose alterations in the prescribed principles of this scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the funds allocated for Gujarat in the said period for this scheme have not been utilised fully; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) 2,13,841 persons have benefited in Gujarat.

(b) and (c). There is no such proposal at present.

(d) As against the grant-in-aid of Rs. 5,10,398/- released to the State of Gujarat during the financial years 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 accounts of utilisation for Rs. 3,75,398/- have been rendered.

(e) The reasons for non-utilisation generally are situations arising out of law and order, floods and disturbances caused for any other reason including attitudinal condition.

#### Uranium Mines in Jaduguda

2371. SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether people working in Jaduguda Uranium mines and residing in surrounding areas are affected by radioactive contamination; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to reduce the contamination?

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.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Medical Colleges

2372. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Medical Council of India has suggested introducing a need-based curriculum, modelled on the American pattern, for medical colleges throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[Translation]

#### Kakrapar Atomic Power Plant

2373. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether fire had broken out in the furnace of Kakrapar Atomic Energy Plant before 3-4 years; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and loss suffered due to it?

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) A localised fire incident which was not related to any of the nuclear systems of the project occurred in Ur.it-I on 13.9.91. The fire was traced to the 6.6 KV switchgear.

(b) This fire incident had occurred due to the failure of 220 volts DC supply. The loss due to this fire amounted to about Rs. 118 lakhs.

[English]

#### International Cooperation in Space Research

2374. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any commercial agreement has been signed with foreign Governments and Organisations for supply of Space related services by ISRO/Antriksh Corporation during the past one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any further agreements are in the anvil; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?