

MAITRI

1506. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:
SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's permanent station at Antarctica called "Maitri" is linked with Electronic Mail network;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent up to which the participating laboratories are likely to be able to get data as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Maitri was uplinked with the Electronic mail on 7th February, 1995 using the ERNET network of Department of Electronics during the course of the XIV Antarctic Expedition. Messages are routed *via* the international satellite "INMARSAT" and received at the land-earth station "ARVI" near Pune before being finally transmitted from Bombay.

(c) This network can be accessed both nationally and internationally by any participating laboratory having E-mail facility for a two way data and information transfer. One line data transfer on a real time basis is being done by scientists from almost all participating laboratories in the Indian Antarctic Expedition. Day to day messages of official nature are also transmitted through this facility.

[English]

Technical Help From Canada

1507. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Canada offered technical help for the repair of two nuclear reactors in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the response of the Government to the offer?

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). No offer from the Canadian Government has been received for repair of two nuclear reactors in Rajasthan. Information exchange is taking place with suppliers from Canada.

[Translation]

New Schemes for Khadi and Cottage Industry

1508. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA:
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposed new schemes for the development of the Khadi and Cottage Industries and the extent of assistance to be provided to them;

(b) the nature of assistance being provided for setting up of such industries in the rural/tribal and backward areas;

(c) the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken in this regard so far; and

(d) the amount provided under each of these schemes during each of the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Exports by SSI

1509. SHRI GUMAN LAL LODHA:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the share of small sector in country's total export is constantly increasing during the last few years;

(b) if so, the share of small sector in total export during the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(c) whether certain incentives were provided for promotion of export especially to the small scale sector during these years;