

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b) DHRUVA was commissioned in August 1985. All systems are operational. The reactor was re-started on 30.10.1986 and is gradually being raised to full power.

Meeting of Chief Ministers on Maharashtra-Karnataka Border Issue

257. SHRI H. B. PATIL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether recently any meeting of the Chief Ministers of Maharashtra and Karnataka has taken place for solving the border issue between the two States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b) : The Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Karnataka are reported to have met at Bombay on the 29th September, 1986 and decided to expedite all developmental activities in the disputed areas between the two States.

Expansion of Kavalur Observatory

258. SHRI A. JAYAMOHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State :

(a) Whether Government have any proposal to take up expansion programme of Kavalur Observatory ;

(b) Whether Government's proposal for providing a second Telescopic Lens in the Kavalur Observatory has been approved ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, when will Government take up this project and complete the same ?

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IAS/IPS Examination Centres in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

259. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of examination centres for IAS/IPS in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu during 1985 separately ;

(b) number of candidates appeared for the above examinations from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu during 1985 separately ; and

(c) the total amount of expenditure incurred on the conducting of the above examinations in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu during 1985 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI) : (a) to (c) The required information is indicated in the statement given below,