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- Rare Earths.
- Astro-Physics and Radio Astronomy.
- Seismic Data Processing.
- Remote Sensing Applications (Ground water prospecting; forestry; etc.).
- Water treatment and distribution.

Naxalites Problem in Andhra Pradesh

622. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to make available latest arms and other equipment to tackle the Naxalite menace in some districts of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the demand and availability of weapons, adequate quantities of weapons have been released to Andhra Pradesh.

[Translation]

Regularity in Delhi-Gorakhpur Flights

623. SHRI MADAN PANDEY: Will the

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines Delhi-Lucknow-Gorakhpur air service operating four times a week has been curtailed to twice a week;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether Vayudoot service from Gorakhpur has been discontinued,

(d) if so, the reasons thereof and by what time regular service of Indian Airlines/Vayudoot between Delhi-Gorakhpur will be provided;

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The frequency of flights was reduced due to inadequate traffic between Delhi and Gorakhpur and also due to the grounding of one B-737 aircraft.

(c) to (e). Vayudoot discontinued its operations to Gorakhpur with effect from the 28th January, 1987 due to the poor land factor.

Increase in the frequency of air services to Gorakhpur by Indian Airlines and re-introduction of the service by Vayudoot will depend upon adequate traffic potential and availability of the capacity.

[English]

Applications for Jobs from Army Widows

624. DR. PHULRENU GUHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: