

meetings with the State Small Industries Corporation so that there is a certain measure of integration in their functions.

Launching of "Menaka" Rocket from Thumba Rocket Station

2041. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA : Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether launching of a 'Menaka' rocket from Thumba rocket launching station has failed recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONIC, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) :

(a) and (b). Menaka' rockets are under development for meteorological applications. A 'Menaka' rocket fired on February 15, 1972 as part of flight test programme failed because of high pressure developed in the chamber and consequent chamber failure.

Extension of T. V Net Work to Cities near Delhi

2042. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to extend Television net work to other cities near Delhi; and

(b) the number of stations likely to be covered during 1972?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) Government have decided increase the power of the TV transmitter and to provide higher most to extend its service area. In addition, a relay transmitter is proposed to be set up at Mussoorie which will serve a sizeable area of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana States.

(b) Two new TV stations, viz., at Bombay and Srinager, and one transmitting station at Amritsar are expected to be set up during 1972.

Bursting of Transmitter in Assam

2043. SHRI V. MAYAVAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the action taken by Government in regard to the bursting of transmitter in Assam as result of which one employee was killed; and

(b) the reasons for the mishap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) No report of any such accident has been received by Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Keralites working in Indian Space Research Organisation Units at Thumba

2044. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of technical personnel appointed in the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) units at Thumba in Kerala during the year 1970-71; and

(b) how many of them are Keralites?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) 567 (b) 337.

Land for P. and T. Assam Circle in Agartala

2045. SHRI BIREN DUTTA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether P and T Assam circle has acquired any land in palace compound of Agartala, Tripura;

(b) if so, the area of land acquired; and

(c) the approximate cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a)