

विवाद सम्बन्धी प्रश्न पर सरकार ने सबसे पहले किस तारीख को बातचीत की ; और

(ख) इस सम्बन्ध में क्या निर्णय किया गया ?

गृह मन्त्रालय में उप-मन्त्री (श्री एफ० एच० मोहसिन) : (क) और (ख). दोनों राज्यों के बीच सीमा समायोजन के प्रस्ताव भूतपूर्व बम्बई सरकार द्वारा पश्चिमी क्षेत्रीय परिषद के विचार हेतु सन् 1957 के मध्य दिये गये थे। तब से केन्द्रीय सरकार एक सम्मत हल तलाश करने की दृष्टि में किसी न किसी रूप में इस विषय में विचार करती रही। अब तक कोई ऐसा हल नहीं निकला है।

कलपक्कम आणविक संयंत्र के लिए यूरेनियम की सप्लाई हेतु फ्रांस में समझौता

536. श्री ओंकार लाल बेरबा :
श्री लालजी भाई :

क्या परमाणु ऊर्जा मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या तमिलनाडु के कलपक्कम में स्थापित किये जाने वाले आणविक शक्ति संयंत्र के लिए यूरेनियम का आयात करने हेतु फ्रांस के आणविक शक्ति आयोग से समझौता हुआ है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस समझौते के मुख्य उपबन्ध क्या हैं ?

प्रधान मन्त्री, परमाणु ऊर्जा मन्त्री, इलेक्ट्रानिकी मन्त्री, गृह मन्त्री, सूचना और प्रसारण मन्त्री तथा अन्तरिक्ष मन्त्री (श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी) : (क) तथा (ख). ऐसा अनुमान किया जाता है कि माननीय सदस्य कलपक्कम स्थित रिपेक्टर अनुसंधान केंद्र के एक भाग के रूप में स्थापित किये जा रहे फास्ट ब्रीडर टेस्ट रिपेक्टर की ओर संकेत कर रहे हैं। इस टेस्ट रिपेक्टर के लिये अपेक्षित यूरेनियम के आयात के सम्बन्ध में फ्रांस परमाणु ऊर्जा आयोग के के साथ अभी तक कोई करार नहीं किया गया है। तथापि, यह विषय आजकल भारत सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

Accreditation of Times of India War Correspondent

537. SHRI MADHURYA HALDAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Times of India wanted special War Correspondent accreditation to cover the 1971 Indo-Pak war ; and

(b) the reasons for denying War Correspondent accreditation to their journalist?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) The Times of India had nominated nine correspondents and two cameramen for coverage of the Indo-Pak War and all of them were given War Accreditation Cards by the Press Information Bureau.

(b) Does not arise.

Accredited Press Correspondents

538. SHRI MADHURYA HALDAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of press correspondents accredited to Government on December 31, 1971 were no longer accredited on July 1, 1972 ; and

(b) who are these journalists, their media and reasons of withholding their accreditation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3232/72]

Espionage Activities by American Earth Resources Satellite

539. SRI MADHURYA HALDAR : Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian landmass and offshore are now exposed to the espionage activities of the American Earth Resources Satellite ; and

(b) whether a number of Indian Government scientists are collaborating in this US-NASA venture as a price of getting geostationary satellite for one year ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER

OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) The Earth Resources Technology Satellite (EARTS), launched by the National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) of the United States of America on 23rd July 1972, will orbit at 900 kilometres above earth's surface and can take pictures over the entire globe in a period of seventeen days.

(b) The Indian Space Research Organisation is interested in the problem of Earth Resources Survey through Remote Sensing using a satellite and has had discussions with the National Aeronautics and Space Agency of the United States of America, which has launched an Earth Resources Technology Satellite (EARTS) on 23rd July, 1972. The question of Indian participation in the NASA project is being studied in all its aspects. This is entirely independent of the Satellite Instructional Television Experiment proposed to be conducted with the help of an Application Technology Satellite (ATS-F) to be launched by NASA in 1974 in a geostationary orbit at a height of 36,000 kilometres.

Extension of Contract for Manufacture of Pentacopa Exchange

540. SHRI MADHURYA HALDAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have once again extended the contract with ITT-BTM combine for collaboration in the manufacture of Pentacopa Exchange system ; and

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of such extension ?

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

(b) The Agreement has been extended by one year beyond the 20th May, 1972, without payment of royalty. Certain restrictive clauses contained in the agreement with the Bell Telephone Manufacturing Company (BTM) have also been deleted or suitably amended. They have also further assured to fulfil all the obligations enjoined on them.

Use of NASA'S Satellite for experiments with Instructional Television

541. SHRI MADHURYA HALDAR :

Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government will reconsider use of American NASA Satellite for experiments with instructional television ; and

(b) what machinery at inter-ministry level has been evolved for using the American satellite for experiments on our territories ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) No Sir

(b) Appropriate inter-Ministerial Committees have been set up, with representatives from the various concerned Ministries, to consider various aspects of the Satellite Instructional Television Experiment.

Rocket Launching Station at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh

542. SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY : Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state :

(a) the progress so far made in developing Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh as a major rocket launching station ;

(b) the anticipated time to be taken to complete the construction of the station and the estimated cost of the project ;

(c) the expenditure incurred so far on the project ; and

(d) the comparative role of Sriharikota and Thumba Rocket stations in relation to Space Research ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) The approach bridge and road from Sullurapetta, a launching pad and a block house have been completed. The rocket assembly building and a hardware store are nearing completion. The electrical sub-station is operational. The range has become operational and the first rockets were launched in October, 1971.

(b) The planning of various other facilities to be set up at Sriharikota is currently