

its task. The report of the Committee is being processed expeditiously.

[*Translation*]

Statutory Status to Planning Commission

6008. SHRI YUVRAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government propose to give statutory status to the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are being worked out.

(c) Does not arise.

Regional Offices of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

6009. SHRISANTOSH KUMARGANGWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether selection of locations for regional offices of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is under consideration;

(b) if so, the names of such locations under consideration; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a regional office in Bareilly also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DE-

VELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has not so far decided to open new Regional Offices.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Upgrading of Central Vehicle Depot, Avadi

6011. SHRI R. MUTHIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether there is any proposal for upgrading the Central Vehicle Depot, Avadi as a composite ordnance depot; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The restructuring of Central Vehicle Depot, Avadi as a Compositing Ordnance Depot is being explored at the level of Southern Command. There is no proposal before the Government at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Ernakulam as Biotechnical District

6012. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether 77th Session of Indian Science Congress held at Cochin had recommended that Ernakulam District of Kerala should be developed into a biotechnical district; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard so far?

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