

**Environmental Pollution In HADA  
Extension Near Surat**

\*161. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of industrial houses such as Essar, Reliance, Larsen and Toubro are setting up industries in HADA extension near Surat;

(b) whether Government are aware that this had led to the atmosphere being polluted and the greenery of this region being destroyed;

(c) whether adequate pollution control measures have been taken by these industries; and

(d) if not, the action proposed/taken against defaulting units in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information made available by the Government of Gujarat, does not indicate any adverse impact so far. However, the Government of India will examine this information and take further necessary action.

(c) The industries can operate only after the consent conditions, prescribed by the Gujarat Pollution Control Board for each industry to ensure pollution control, are fulfilled by the industries.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

**Abandonment of Sriharikota Launching  
Station**

\*162. DR. VISWANATHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to abandon the Sriharikota Launching Station (Andhra Pradesh) since the work at this place has slowed down and shifted to other place;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the recent work done at this place and the future plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) There is no proposal to slow down or shift the activities at SHAR Centre or to abandon the Centre.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The SHAR Centre at Sriharikota is the main base of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for launching satellite launch vehicles and sounding rockets. The ISRO RANGE Complex and the country's largest Solid Propellant Space Booster Plant (SPROB) are at this Centre. The Centre also operates the Static Test and Evaluation Complex (STEX) and the computerised data processing facilities to support the indigenous launch vehicle development and mission.

Recent activities include successful casting and testing of a 125 tonne solid booster (World's third largest booster), erection and commissioning of 3500 tonne Mobile Service Structure for PSLV launch and establishment of Precision Coherent Monopulse C-band (PCMC) System.

The future activities include continued casting and testing of rocket motors, launching of sounding rockets and launch support for Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle (AASLV), Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) and Geo-stationary Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV).