THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A decision regarding the establishment of a suitable agency for the promotion of export of defence stores is expected to be arrived at in the near future.

Deemed University Status for Deccan College Poona

1023. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering to declare the Deccan College Poona, as a deemed University/National Centre for archaeological research;
 - (b) if so, the details of the proposal; and
- (c) the time by which a final decision will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (c). On the recommendation of the Government of Maharashtra, and the advice of the University Grants Commission, the Central Government has, under Section 3 of the U.G.C. Act 1956, declared the Deccan College Post graduate and Research Institute, Poona, as Deemed to be University with effect from 5th March, 1990.

Effect of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 on Development of Marathwada Villages

1024. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amendment made in

1988 to the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has adversely affected the development in hilly and tribal areas of Marathwada in Maharashtra:

- (b) whether villages like Mohpur, Hadsani and other villages could not be connected by roads due to the above mentioned Act:
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure unhindered development of the said tribal areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOR-ESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMEN-TATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) No proposal has been received from the State Government of Maharashtra for diversion of forest land for construction of road connecting Mohpur and Hadsani villages.
- (c) Complete proposals received from State Government will be examined expeditiously for according clearance.

[Translation]

New Atomic Power Plants

1025. SHRI HARSH VARDHAN:
SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA
NARASIMHA RAJA
WADIYAR:
SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA
MURTHY:
SHRISATYNARAYANJATIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of power being generated by each Atomic Power Plant;