

radio-pharmaceuticals etc. A demonstration plan for the sterilisation of medical products is being set up at Trombay. Implementation of the plans for setting up of irradiation facilities relating to preservation of foods such as wheat, onion, potato and sea foods awaits clearance from the Ministry of Health to whom an application has already been made,

Non-utilisation of Funds by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

2607. SHRI V. N. P. SINGH : Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for not utilizing the Budget Provision of Rs. 61 lakhs allotted for the expansion of the Central Workshop under the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre within the specified time ; and

(b) the consequences thereof ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) An amount of Rs 61 lakhs has been provided in the IV Plan allocation of the Department of Atomic Energy for the expansion of the Central Workshop. A scheme for the expansion of facilities and purchase of additional machines has been drawn up and it is expected that the allotted provision would be utilised before the end of the Plan period (March 31, 1974).

(b) Does not arise.

Launching of Rohini Scientific Satellite in 1974

2608. SHRI V. N. P. SINGH : Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state the progress made so far towards the intended launching by mid 1974 of the First Rohini Scientific Satellite with particular reference to Rocketsize, Satellite instrumentation and ground test facilities ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : Design specifications for the proposed Rohini scientific satellite have been finalised. The satellite launch vehicle for this satellite will

have four stages. Rockets upto 125 mm diameter have already been flight tested from the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station and rockets upto 560 mm diameter will be flight tested from Sriharikota Rocket Launching Station in Andhra Pradesh. Rockets larger than 560 mm diameter are under development. The Sriharikota Station, from where the first Indian satellite is proposed to be launched, became operational on 9th October 1971.

A large number of high precision and sophisticated components and assemblies needed for the control and guidance system of the launch vehicle has been successfully developed. Some of these components have also been flight tested. Work for the augmentation of the engineering and laboratory facilities to support the further development programme is under way.

Extension of Service to Officers of T.V., Songs and Drama Division and A.I.R.

2609. SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the designations of Class I Officers of the Television, Song and Drama Division, All India Radio of the Ministry retired during the year 1971 and 1972 up to now ; and

(b) the designation of Class I Officers of the above said Departments who have been given extension in service and the specific reasons therefor in each case ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) The following Class I Officers in All India Radio, including Television, and Song and Drama Division have retired during 1971 and 1972 so far :

Designation	197	1972 (uptil now)
1	2	3
<i>All India Radio including TV</i>		
Director General	—	1
Dy. Director General	2	—
Chief Engineer	1	—
Dy. Chief Engineer	1	1
Director of Programmes	—	—
Director of Sales	1	—
(Commercial Broadcasting Service)		
Additional Station	2	—