

(c) the number of arrests made and punishments awarded ; and

(d) whether Government are considering to award deterrent punishment in such cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected.

Cut in Public and Private Sector Outlay

222. SHRI SRIHARI RAO : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating a 25 per cent cut in the original Seventh Plan outlay of Rs. 1,80,000 crores in Public Sector and Rs. 1,40,000 crores in Private Sector ; and

(b) the reasons for this drastic cut ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Import of Super Computers

223. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has sought assistance from the United States for obtaining one of the latest super computers i.e. the Cray-XMP, with a 600 megaflop capacity, costing between Rs. 10 to 20 crores each depending upon the configuration chosen ;

(b) whether India has also sought the assistance of other countries for such super computers ;

(c) if so, the details in this regard ; and

(d) the details regarding its utilisation as well as the total cost of such units which Indian Government have decided to obtain ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS

(SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) to (d) . The possibility of procuring latest super computer Cray-XMP from United States is being explored. No specific proposal has, however, been made in this regard to seek the assistance. Government have, however, sought assistance of Japan for such computers. The Indian Institute of Science at Bangalore is planning to procure a super computer for its in-house use for which they have evaluated two super computers systems from USA and one system from Japan. The computer system at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore is expected to be used to enhance research capabilities in various frontline fields such as atmospheric sciences, crystallography, computer sciences, bio-engineering etc. having national significance. The expected cost of the computer system with front-end processor, peripherals, software installation, one year warranty maintenance, training and documentation will be about Rs. 30 crores.

Number of Indians Kidnapped by Pakistani Intruders

224. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Indians kidnapped by the Pakistani intruders during the last three years ; and

(b) the number of cases settled so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI-MATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) Five.

(b) Four.

Indian Airlines Flights from Bombay and Madras to Varanasi

225. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether keeping in view the tourist attraction and cultural and religious importance of Varanasi, his Ministry propose to introduce Indian Airlines Flights from Bombay and Madras to Varanasi ;

(b) if so, the time by which these services are likely to be introduced ; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE