Science & Engineering including multidisciplinary fields;

- (ii) To selectively promote the general research capability in relevant areas of Science and Engineering taking into account existing research capabilities of the host institution; and
- (iii) To encourage young scientists to take up challenging research and development activities. After the completion of the programme a completion report is received in DST and based on the results of the project relevant Agencies and Institutions are contacted for utilisation of R&D results. Whenever there are technical findings involving commercialisation possibilities the National Research and Development Corporation (NRDC) is contacted for further follow up and linkages with industry.

Main Frame Computers Factory near ECIL

3412. SHRI C. SAMBU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to start Main Frame Computers factory near Electronic Corporation of India Limited, Hyderabad, under the supervision of the ECIL; and
- (b) if so, the details of the proposal and the amount sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC BNERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir, there is a proposal to start the Main Frame Computer factory near ECIL, Hyderabad under the supervision of BCIL.

(b) The programme is for the manufacture of Main Frame Computer Systems in collaboration with Control Data Indo Asia Company of USA with Technology Transfer for their two series of computers Cyber 810 and Cyber 830.

An amount of Rs. 36 crores has been provided for this project in the Plan.

Soviet help for Nuclear Power Plant

3413. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: SHRI H. B. PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Soviet Government has offered to set up an Atomic Power Plant in India;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have accepted the proposal and started negotiations with the Soviet Union in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) and (c) Discussions on technical, economic and other aspects of the offer are continuing with the Soviet authorities.

Proposal for raising ecological task force of Ex-servicemen.

3414. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 8346 on 30 April 1986 regarding raising of ecological task force and state;