

AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Scientists from various national laboratories/institutions and universities have evinced keen interest to use this Mesosphere, Stratosphere and Troposphere (MST) Radar facility at Gadanki near Tirupati for atmospheric research. Encouraging responses have been received to the Announcement of Opportunity issued in September 1993. The responses are presently under evaluation for initiating various experiments using the MST Radar facility. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has also sponsored a Centre for MST Radar Applications at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati for effective utilisation of MST Radar data by user scientists drawn from various Indian universities.

#### Opening of More Sainik Schools

2430. MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Estimates Committee in its 19th Report has recommended opening of more Sainik Schools in rural areas;

(b) whether the Government are going to implement the recommendation; and

(c) if so, the efforts made for opening such schools in the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A Sainik School is opened in a rural area or anywhere else, on receipt of a concrete proposal from concerned State Government. No proposal in this regard has been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

#### Foreign Investment Proposals

2431. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have cleared any foreign investment proposals during 1993-94;

(b) if so, the details of the major proposals and their intended location;

(c) whether clearance from other Ministries have also been obtained for these projects; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b). During the years 1993-94 (upto Jan.), approvals have been accorded to 705 proposals involving foreign direct investment of Rs. 6549.41 crores. The details of these proposals approved viz. name of the Indian Company, name of the foreign collaborator and the country to which it belongs, item of manufacture are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to their Monthly