

successfully launched in IRS series is three out of which the recent IRS-P2 was launched by our own PSLV-D2. India ranks among six countries in the world having capability to launch such remote sensing satellite after USA, Russia, Japan, China and European Space Agency.

(f) No, Sir.

[English]

Security Personnel

121. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:

SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been cases of suicides by the security personnel posted in J&K State; and

(b) if so, the number of such cases during 1992-93 and 1993-94 and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN PRIME MINISTER OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the years 1992, 1993 and 1994 (upto November), 26 Security forces personnel are reported to have committed suicide, mainly due to domestic problems and in some cases due to mental stress/strain.

Expansion of B.E.M.L.

122. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Earth Movers Ltd., (BEML), Mysore, is being expanded in collaboration with Australia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OR STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Sick Units to Workers' Co-operatives

123. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether workers' co-operative societies have achieved ample success in reviving some sick units and checking their losses;

(b) if so, the details of such units revived during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of those sick units which are likely to be handed over to workers' co-operative either by the Union Government or by BIFR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMTI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c): There was a proposal to run the management of sick public sector units through workers' co-operative society but none of the public sector unit is being run through workers co-operative society. The handing over of management of a sick public sector unit to workers co-operative depends on the viability of the proposal prepared by the society.

[English]

Bagasse Based Co-Generation Programme

124. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to launch US aided bagasse based co-generation programme in the country;

(b) if so, the name of the State covered under this programme with details;

(c) the target set for the generation of power under this programme;

(d) the steps taken to implement the above proposal; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a): Yes, Sir.

(b) The Programme will be open to all the sugar producing States.

(c) No specific targets have been fixed for generat in of power. However, private sector co-generation projects of upto 60 MW aggregate capacity are expected to be taken up under the programme.

(d) and (e) The programme, to be taken up as part of the U.S. commitment towards Global Environment Facility, is intended to demonstrate and promote commercialisation of bagasses based co-generation plants that rely on supplemental biomass fuels, rather than on fossil fuels for off-season power generation. It will work with financial institutions and the private sector to help leverage the investments that are additional to the incremental costs of bagasse co-generation plants for the use of supplemental biomass. While the Programme has been agreed to in principle, implementation will commence after formal approval by the two Governments and signing of the Project Grant Agreement.

Acquisition of Ships for Navy

125. DR. KRUPA-SINDHU BHOI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to acquire some more ships for the Navy;

(b) if so, the number of ships proposed to be acquired; and