

### RDX Explosives

175. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:  
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a naval vessel was involved in landing arms ammunition including RDX explosives along the Western coastlines in recent past;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the remedial action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):  
(a) No Indian naval vessel has been involved in landing arms and ammunition along the West coast of India, Government are not aware of involvement of any other naval vessel in such activity.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

### Vacant Posts in KVIC

176. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:  
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes filled up by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission till November, 1994; and

(b) the time by which the remaining posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) KVIC has filled up 24 vacancies of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under Special Recruitment Drive till November, 1994 out of a total backlog 162 vacancies of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(b) In pursuance of the recommendations of the High Power Committee on KVI Sector the newly constituted Commission in its meeting in October, 94 has engage Indian Institute of Public Administration to review the manpower structure in Khadi and Village Industries Commission. As soon as the report is received Commission will fill up the identified vacant posts.

[English]

### Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle

177. SHRI TARA SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to enter into the global satellite launch market;

(b) whether it has been decided after successfully launching the PSLV D-2; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (c) Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) is in the developmental phase and will be ready for operational launch services both for internal needs and on commercial basis after the next successful developmental flight. PSLV can launch remote sensing satellites as well as low earth satellites for communication.

### Retrenchment in Scooters India Limited

178. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether many employees of the Scooters India Limited are being retrenched;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to protect the interest of these employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

### Mining in Indian Ocean

179. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some area in the middle of Indian Ocean has been allotted to India to set up pilot plants to mine and extract minerals from deep sea;

(b) if so, the amount spent under this programme during 1993-94; and

(c) the result achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT. (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An amount of Rs. 3.47 crores was spent under this programme during 1993-94.

(c) As the programme is under R&D stage, the question does not arise?