

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S 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) to (c) No, Sir, However, under the Agreement signed in 1993 between Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the French Space Agency (CNES), forms of the cooperation envisaged include study of cooperative programmes in Satellites and Balloons intended for Space Research and Applications of Space Technology, studies related to Satellite Communications, Satellite Remote Sensing and Satellite Meteorology Applications, operations of ground stations and satellite missions management, organisation of training facilities and programmes, exchange of technical and scientific personnel to participate in studies and joint working groups. Specific programmes under this cooperative agreement are under various stages of negotiation.

[English]

#### Funds for Terrorist Affected Areas

2189 SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide special funds to States for terrorist affected areas, and

(b) if so, the details thereof, area-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) (a) There is no proposal before the Planning Commission to provide special funds to States for terrorist affected areas

(b) Does not arise

[Translation]

#### White Paper on Central Assistance to J & K

2190 SHRI CHETAN P S CHAUHAN  
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to issue a white paper on Central assistance and grants provide to Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S 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) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

#### National Institute of Information Technology

2191. DR (SHRIMATI) K S SOUNDARAM. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Government are aware of the activities of the National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) and its various courses offered for Graduates, Associates and Fellows of NIIT,

(b) if so, whether this has the approval of the Government, and

(c) if not, the action taken by the Government against the NIIT under the MRTPC for misleading advertisements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H R BHARDWAJ) (a) to (c) Director General Investigation and Registration has asked NIIT to furnish copies of various advertisements released by it to enable him to examine the same with reference to provisions of MRTP Act, 1969 relating to unfair trade practices. As regards GNIIT course of NIIT, the Commission has already issued notice of enquiry. MRTP Commission being a quasi-judicial body, the matter is subjudice.

[Translation]

#### Falling of Snow Rocks

2192 SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH  
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the scientists in the country have developed a technique to prevent falling of snow rocks on Highways or on populated areas,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the areas in which this technique is proposed to be used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) No, Sir 'Snow rocks' are large pieces which may get detached from the glacier snow mass which is found at higher altitudes. Highways and populated areas do not exist at these high altitudes. However, techniques for containing snow avalanches in the lower altitude regions have been developed by the scientists.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

[English]

#### Houses to Slum Dwellers

2193 SHRI R ANBARASU Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to provide houses to slum dwellers in all metropolitan cities, particularly Madras, with the World Bank aid, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?