

applications. About 500 organisations in the country are using industrial isotope radiography and about 42,000 nucleonic control systems are in operation in Indian industry for process control. Nuclear energy in the form of radiations and radioisotopes are being widely used in agricultural research and development. The technology of food preservation using gamma radiation has been well developed in India for variety of food items.

Labelled compounds of carbon-14 and tritium and biomolecules labelled with phosphorus-32 are extensively used for research in biosciences and biotechnology.

(b) The Department of Atomic Energy supports projects, fellowships and symposia through the Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences. Training is offered on the use of radioisotopes in medicine, agriculture and industry at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC). The Board radiation & isotope technology supplies various radioisotopes and radiation sources. BARC undertakes irradiation of seeds and other materials for mutation breeding programme for agricultural universities which seek help.

(c) India's capabilities in the field of atomic energy and its applications compare favourably with those of the developed countries.

Welfare Of Ex-Servicemen

463. SHRI K.G. SHIVAPPA :

SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a demand for bringing the subject of welfare of ex-servicemen under the centre list; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Most of the problems of ex-servicemen come within the purview of the State Governments. It would, therefore, be in the interest of ex-servicemen if their welfare continues to be handled both by the central and the State Governments.

Shifting Of VSSC, Trivandrum

464. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal with the Government to shift Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre Satellite Unit to Andhra Pradesh:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the units which are going to be directly affected by the shifting and the units which are going to remain with the VSSC at Trivandrum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPADE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) :
(a) to (c) There is no proposal at present to transfer any of the Units of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) to other States. However, suitable augmentation and restructuring of various ISRO Centres are done as a part of continuous process to meet the requirements of developing launch vehicles and satellites.

[Translation]

Lok Adalats

465. SHRI N.J. RATHVA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Lok Adalats set up in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of cases accepted and disposed of by these Lok Adalats during the above period;

(c) whether the Government propose to constitute more Lok Adalats in the country particularly in tribal/backward areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) :

(a) to (e) . Lok Adalats are not akin to regularly constituted law courts but are voluntary efforts for