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Written Answers

ISRO SPY Scandal

3033. SHRI RAM KAPSE:

SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether investigations into the ISRO Spy Scandal have been completed;
- (b) if so, whether chargesheets against those found involved in the case have been filed; and
 - (c) if not, the present stage of the investigations?

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). The investigation into the ISRO Spy Scandal is still in progress and all out efforts are being made to finalise it at the earliest.

[Translation]

Sale of Defence Items

3034. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: WIII the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether any scheme is under consideration of the Government for selling arms of Indian Ordance Factories and other equipment of defence forces in international market; and
- (b) if so, the action being taken in this regard and present position of our country in International market on this score ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND HOLDING ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Ordnance Factories and defence public sector undertakings have already been exporting their products.

(b) The steps taken to boost defence exports include procedural liberalisation, greater involvement of our missions abroad, invitation to foreign delegations including service chiefs, participation in defence exhibitions, undertaking publicity measures and the use of marketing skills and infrastructure of trading houses.

Given the production capabilities in India potential for exports is substantial, but the problems of making entry, diminishing demand in most countries and contractual restrictions in licence agreements have to be contended with.

[English]

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