

(a) the progress made in regard to setting up Satellite Remote Sensing Centre at Jalna; and

(b) the time by which this Centre is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) The Department of Space has at present no proposal to set up Satellite Remote Sensing Centre at Jalna.

(b) Does not arise.

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Specialist

Establishment of Laboratory to Conduct Physical Check up of Sportsmen

2869. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO NANA-SAHAB GAIKWAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to establish a special laboratory to conduct physical check up of the sportsmen participating in the International sports; and

(b) if so, when and where such laboratory is likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b). The Government has already established special laboratories at the Sports Authority of India Regional Centres of Patiala, Delhi and Bangalore for conducting physical check-up of sportspersons about to participate in International Sports Events. The establishment of similar laboratories elsewhere will depend on the projections and allocations in the VIII Plan.

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*Pollution
Petroleum Refinery*

Protection of Taj Mahal from Polluted Gas Released by Mathura Refinery

2870. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA
GAVIT:
SHRI JAGPAL SINGH:
SHRI KALP NATH RAI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the brightness of Taj Mahal at Agra is waning continuously for the last several years;

(b) if so, whether one of its main reason is the polluted gases and effluents being released by Mathura refinery;

(c) whether this matter has been thoroughly investigated; and

(d) if so, the details of measures being taken by Government to protect Taj Mahal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT - (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Archaeological Survey of India is constantly monitoring the ambient air around Taj Mahal, Agra for assessing the level of sulphurdioxide, suspended particulate matter and other pollutants as well as meteorological data in order to take remedial measures as may be required.