

of the Indian Ocean being used as an intrinsic part of the new U.S. space strategy.

(b) As part of its space defence programmes the U.S. is deploying a worldwide network of five ground based electro optical surveillance sensors. These sensors, which complement existing radars, are designed to detect, track and identify objects in space. Diego Garcia is contemplated as one site for these sensors. Pentagon plans reportedly call for the site to begin operations in financial year 1987.

(c) and (d). There is no information which would confirm that the U. S. Government has deployed F-15 fighter bombers in Diego Garcia. However, U. S. Secretary of Defence Casper Weinberger stated in his Budget testimony to the Congress for financial year 1985 that "F-15 aircraft from which the Miniaturised Homing Vehicle will be launched could be based in the Southern Hemisphere for 'attempted intercepts' of satellites in highly elliptical orbits...."

(c) The overwhelming majority of nations have stated their opposition to the extension of the arms race into outer space. Resolution No. 30/59 adopted by the UN General Assembly in its last session on "Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space" received 150 votes in favour with non against and a single abstention. This resolution expressed grave concern at the danger posed to all mankind by an arms race in outer space, in particular the impending danger of exacerbating the current state of insecurity by developments that could further undermine international peace and security." It reiterated the need for negotiating, on an urgent basis, an agreement to prevent such an arms race in outer space.

[Translation]

Allocation of Money to Maharashtra for Implementation of 20-Point Programme

56. SHRI VIJAY MUTTEMWAR :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of money allocated to Maharashtra for successful implementation of 20-Point Programme ; and

(b) the percentage of persons still below the poverty line in the State of Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Implementation of the revised 20-Point Programme, announced on 14-1-1982, was taken up from the Annual Plan 1982-83. The revised 20-Point Programme forms an integral part of the State Plans, and the outlays for it, are derived from the relevant developmental sectors. The outlay/expenditure during 1982-83, 83-84 and 84-85 for Maharashtra is shown below :-

Year	(Rs. crores)
1982-83 (Actual)	863.83
1983-84 (Outlay)	953.77
1984-85 (Outlay)	964.71

(b) On the basis of the NSSO 32nd Round (1977-78), the latest Survey for which results are available, the percentage of population below the poverty line in Maharashtra was estimated at 47.71%—55.85% in rural areas and 31.62% in urban areas.

[English]

Inclusion of Nepali Language in Eighth Schedule

57. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the HOME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have now decided to include Nepali language in the Eighth Scheduled of the Constitution of India ; and