

and movements of satellites manned and unmanned; and

(c) whether he also intends to call for a limitation of satellites that any one power can place in the geostationary orbit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) The Outer Space Treaty of 1967 already provides that Outer Space shall be the province of all mankind and that no nuclear weapons or weapons of mass destruction should be deployed in Outer Space. India has expressed concern in several forums on the dangers posed by an extension of the arms race into Outer Space. Our concern has recently been stressed in the Delhi Declaration of January 28, 1985, and at the Conference on Disarmament in March 1985 at Geneva.

(b) Studies made so far indicate that the danger posed by debris in space is, at present, minimal. The matter will be kept under constant review.

(c) India, along with many other countries, has advocated an equitable allocation of positions in geostationary orbit to all countries.

Setting up of Nuclear Power Project in Eastern Region

630. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Atomic Energy Commission is planning to set up a nuclear power generating unit in the Eastern Region;

(b) if so, whether this will be located in Bihar; and

(c) the locations of other similar units planned for the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b). The Report of the Site Selection Committee constituted by the Department of

Atomic Energy for evaluating suitable sites for setting up nuclear power stations in respect of the Eastern Region of which Bihar is a part is awaited.

(c) Expansion of the existing station at Rawatbhata in Rajasthan with two units of 235 MWe and opening of a new site at Kaiga in Karnataka consisting of two units of 235 MWe has been approved by the Government. Additional sites in the Northern, Southern and Western regions for location of the 235 MWe and 500 MWe units forming part of the Nuclear Power Profile are under consideration of the Government.

Programme to Send an Indian into Space

631. SHRI KAMAL NATH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether details of an Indian to go into space in collaboration with U.S.A. have been finalised;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) whether there is any programme for India to undertake its own manned space flight in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b). Details regarding the procedure of selection, qualification, training programme and schedule for the Indian to go into space in collaboration with U.S.A. have been finalised. The prime function of the Indian payload specialist will be to service as an adviser-cum-observer during the check-out and development of INSAT-I-C in low earth orbit of the space shuttle. In addition, a salient feature of this mission is that the Indian payload specialist will carry out certain joint ISRO-NASA scientific experiments in the field of earth observation and life sciences. The selection of payload specialist as well as the finalisation of the training and experiments plan are expected to be completed by July of this year.

(c) No, Sir.