

on Punjab and Rajasthan borders. Observation towers have been erected to watch movements of infiltrators. Border Wing Home Guards have been deployed to augment the strength of border out posts.

**Electronics Training Complex in  
Andhra Pradesh**

2386. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up an Electronics Training Complex in Andhra Pradesh during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) if so, the proposed location; and

(c) whether Government will consider opening of such a complex at Vijayawada in Krishna District in Andhra Pradesh on the same line as UNIDO has set up one such Training Complex at Ram Nagar in Uttar Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) to (c). Government has no proposal to set up an Electronics Training Complex in Andhra Pradesh.

However, a proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in the Ministry of Human Resource. Development for establishment of a Central Institute of Electronics for running diploma courses in (i) Electronics Component Technology (ii) Electronics Equipment Manufacture and (iii) Electronics Equipment Testing. The proposal is under the consideration of the Ministry of Human Resource, Development.

**Aerial sowing for afforestation**

2387. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether aerial sowing for afforestation in inaccessible hilly areas is a new experiment or a tried and proved phenomenon;

(b) in which states/areas has aerial sowing been tried in India;

(c) whether aerial sowing has been successful anywhere in India; if so, details thereof; and

(d) types of seeds used for aerial sowing for afforestation.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) Aerial sowing for afforestation has been tried on a limited scale in India in the past.

(b) Aerial sowing has been tried in the States of Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh and Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh.

(c) Aerial sowing has proved to be satisfactory in certain parts of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan but the results have not been uniform.

(d) The list of species used in aerial sowing is given in the statement below :

**Statement**

Sl. No.	Scientific name of the species
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**A. For arid areas**

**(1) Trees**

(i) *Acacia leucophloea*

(ii) *Acacia nilotica*

(iii) *Acacia senegal*

(iv) *Azadirachta indica*

(v) *Prosopis juliflora*

(vi) *Prosopis spicigera*