

(d) if no decision has been taken so far the likely date by which a decision is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir, an ordnance factory is being set up in Bolangir district of Orissa.

(b) to (d) Location of ordnance factories is decided on techno-economic and strategic considerations. On requests received from States/Union Territories viz. Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Bihar and the Union Territory of Pondicherry, they have been informed that their requests would be kept in view while deciding location of new ordnance factories.

In addition, requests were received from Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh for location of the factory for manufacture of Armoured Vehicles. Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have been informed that a site in Jhansi district of Uttar Pradesh is being considered for the purpose. Government of Andhra Pradesh has been informed that apart from the ordnance factory being set up in Medak district, it has been decided to locate a new unit of Bharat Dynamics Limited, at a site contiguous to the above project.

Effect of Challengers Burning on Functioning of INSAT-1B

2472. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the functioning of the INSAT-1B has been adversely affected by the burning away of Challenger in the United States in January, 1986 ; and

(b) if so, the extent to which the programmes in the field of tele-communications and Space research would be adversely effected in India and the alternate strategy being worked out to salvage the damage on this score ?

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) No, Sir.

(b) The loss of US-NASA Space Shuttle orbiter "Challenger" and the resulting hiatus of Space Shuttle flights have a potential of impacting the INSAT-1C and INSAT-1D satellite launchings and the associated Indian Payload Specialist Flights. The impacts and the implications are expected to be clearly and fully known in the next two months. To meet an eventuality where a timely Space shuttle launch for INSAT-1C is not feasible, the alternative of launching INSAT-1C by an expendable launch vehicle is being investigated.

Publication of Map Marking Kashmir as Muslim State

2473. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Kashmir has been marked as a Muslim State in the Diary published by the Students wing of the Jamayitha Islami (Students Islamic movement of India) in Prathiksha Publications of Calicut in Kerala ; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to put an end to these anti-national and divisive designs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) A Diary published by the Students Islamic Movement of India through Pratheeksha publications, Calicut, contained a World Map showing the State of Jammu and Kashmir in Green colour indication thereby that it was a part of "The World of Islam" which apparently referred to areas having a predominantly Muslim population.

A Criminal case under Section 153-A/B IPC has been registered by the local police against those connected with publication of the Diary. Action for seizure of the copies of the Diary, wherever seen, has been taken by the local authorities.