Government. It would not be in the public interest to disclose further details in this regard.

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Introduction of Knowledge-Based Computer System

1411. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PAT-NAIK ;

SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce Knowledge-based Computer System ;

(b) if so, its main purpose ;

(c) the cost of the project ;

(d) the steps taken to introduce this system ; and

(e) to what extent it would help in increasing the efficiency ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OE STAT EIN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K.R NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government has launched a national level project entitled Knowledge Based Computer System Development Programme with UNDP assistance. The Project is of five year duration starting September 1986.

(b) The major objective of this project is to gain expertise in the Knowledge Based Computer System (KBCS) technology with applications in a variety of areas of socio-economic importance like medical care, primary education, industrial productivity, communication among people using different languages, etc

(c) The budget outlay for the project is Rs. 8 crores with the UNDP assistance of US $ 5.25 million.

(d) The Knowledge Based Computer System is currently at research and develop-

ment stage. When fully developed the KBCS will find wide spread applications in-various sectors of economy and decision making.

(e) The KBCS would help the decision making to be uniform, faster, optimal, comprehensive and based on wider perspective and experience.

Schemes for Lakshadweep Islands

1412. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :

SHRI MANIK REDDY :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister during his recent visit to Lakshadweep Island indicated that the schemes were being prepared for the speedy development of those islands ;

(b) the details of the schemes which are being prepared for the development of these islands ; and

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The third meeting of Island Development Authority was held under the Chairmansip of the Prime Minister on 29th December, 1987 at Kavaratti Lakshadweep. The Island Development Authority discussed various policies, developmental plans implementation strategy for speedy, environmentally sound development of the two groups of Islands, viz: Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Prime Minister indicated this during his recent visit to Lakshadweep Islands. Schemes for transpottatior, communication, tourism, setting up of an Integrated Lakshadweep Corporation, Human Resource Development, Fisheries Development, training of personnel, seeting up of decentralised non-pollutting industries, etc. are some of the developmental plan schemes considered