The Central Team has submitted its report in respect of Bihar and its report in respect of Andhra Pradesh is being finalised.

(b) The Central Team's in its report in respect of Bihar has observed that curbing social oppression and accelerating socioeconomic development in the affected areas is crucial for effectively tackling the left wing extremists in the State. For sharper development focus in the affected areas the team has recommended a special area approach for the development of 27 affected blocks in the 7 districts of Bihar.

Assam Accord

154. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the latest position regarding the implementation of Assam Accord?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): A statement showing the latest position is laid on the Table of the House.

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Overall Development of Assam

- 155. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have received the report of the Task Force constituted by the Government of Assam to recommend measures for the overall development of Assam as envisaged in clause 7 of the Assam Accord; and
- (b) if so, the details of the observations and suggestions made and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLE-MENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). On 20th May, 1987 the Assam Government had constituted a Task Force to suggest measures for the economic development of Assam. Government of Assam have forwarded a copy of the Report of the Task Force dated 5th April, 1988 to the Planning Commission on 18th July, 1988. The Report has since been received and is being studied. The State Government have not sent to us any comments on this Report.

Surplus Work Force in Ordnance Factories

156. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA-MURTY:

SHRI MATILAL HANSDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have identified surplus work force in the Ordnance Factories in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the programme of Government for their absorption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c). No staff has been declared surplus in the Ordnance Factories. However, the norms for staff and workers are reviewed periodically and redeployment of some staff and workers is effected to ensure their optimum utilisation.

Seminar on Indo-Soviet Cooperation in Moscow

- 157. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :
- (a) whether a seminar on Indo-Soviet Cooperation in electronics and information technology was organised in Moscow recently;
- (b) if so, the purpose of organising such seminars;
- (c) the net outcome of holding the seminar at that place; and
- (d) the future course of action proposed to be taken up for the growth of electronics industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Confederation of Engineering