

(a) whether a scheme for application of electronics in agriculture, sugar, paper pulp, textiles, steel and fertilizer, industries, water works and road transport has been launched; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) The following are details of projects taken up to develop applications:—

- (i) Promotion of usage of electronics in agriculture at Kerala Agricultural university, Trichur and G.B. Pant Nagar (U.P.)
- (ii) Programmes under Appropriate Automation Promotion Programme
 - (a) Steel & Fertilizers (Department of Electronics)
 - (b) Textiles (Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad).
 - (c) Pulp & Paper (CEERI Madras)
 - (d) Sugar (CEERI, Pilani)
- (iii) Projects under Microprocessor Application Engineering Programme (MAEP) of Department of Electronics for water Treatment and irrigation control in certain areas and road transport.

Import of CTV Kits

3324. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of foreign exchange incurred for import of colour television Kits every year during the last three years;

(b) whether Government propose to curb these imports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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) to (c). Import of kits, ready to assemble sets etc. for electronic items is restricted as per Import Export Policy. Government has not allowed import of kits for Colour Television sets during the last three years.

Recruitment of Assistant Director (Admn.)

3325. SHRI RAJ KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Assistant Director (Admn.) and the number of regular incumbents at the Headquarters of Department of Tourism as on 1 February, 1984 to 1989, year-wise;

(b) the number of above posts identified for work of administrative nature for manning by Assistant Director (Admn.) in the Tourist offices abroad during the period 1984 to 1989 as on 1 February, year-wise and the number of regular incumbents posted against them;

(c) the number of posts of Assistant Director (Admn.) at the Headquarters abolished during the period at (a) above;

(d) whether there is any difference between the number of sanctioned posts at Headquarters and number of regular incumbents against them as per part (a) above; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefore and the action proposed to be taken to fill up posts on regular basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) In February, 1984 there were five posts of Assistant Director (Admn.) excluding the post of PS to DG (T). There has been no change in position since then. In all eight Assistant Director (Admn.) have been regularised and their number from 1984 to 1989 has remained the same. However, the over all sanctioned strength of assistant Director in the Department of Tourism has not exceeded.

(b) No posts have been formally identified for Administration in tourist offices abroad. However, a post each at Tokyo and New York is being manned by Assistant Director (Admn.). In 1989 one more post in New York Office was given to Assistant Director (Admn.)

(c) Nil.

(d) Position as explained against (a) above.

(e) This does not arise.

Report of Failure of ASLV

3326. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the final external evaluation

report on the failure of the last ASLV has been made available to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO): if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the finalisation of the next vehicle to be put in space is dependent on the said report;

(c) whether the target date for the launch of the next vehicle has already passed;

(d) if so, whether a fresh date has been fixed; and

(e) is so, the details thereof?

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) An Expert Review Panel (ERP) consisting of a panel of national experts was constituted on 21.7.1988 to establish the reasons for the failure of the ASLV-D2/ SROSS-2 mission. The ERP is yet to submit its report. The report is expected shortly.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e). The launch of the two ASLV-Continuation Flights was originally scheduled during the time-frame 1989-1990. However, the actual launch date of the next ASLV flight would now depend upon the findings of ERP and the extent of corrective action or modification required in the light of those findings.

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3327. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: