

police on the Delhi-Lucknow National Highway on June 10/11, 1977. Another escapee, Davinder, has been re-arrested by the Delhi Police on 19th June, 1977.

(c) An enquiry into the escape of the undertrial prisoners mentioned above has been ordered by the Lt. Governor, Delhi. The circumstances leading to the escape of the undertrials and security arrangements, including construction of judicial lock-up cells to preclude the possibility of such incidents happening in future, will be looked into during the said enquiry. The changes in the Jail Manual regarding production of prisoners undertrials in Courts, handing them over to the police, guards etc. will also be recommended, if considered necessary.

Expansion in Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre during 1977-78

1372. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) a brief outline of the expansion programmes proposed to be taken up at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre at Thumba during the year 1977-78; and

(b) the total amount to be spent for this purpose during this period?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) The major expansion programmes proposed to be taken up during 1977-78 at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre are in the area of development of launch vehicles and their related sub-systems, augmentation of existing facilities and application of technology developed at the Centre.

(b) Rs. 152.00 lakhs.

Reducing Expenditure on Security measures for Prime Minister

1373. SHRI DHARMA VIR VASISHT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether security and other measures taken in the conduct of Prime Minister's public meetings cost huge sums to the public exchequer; and

(b) if so, the concrete measures initiated to reduce such expenses consistent with the security of the high office?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH):

(a) and (b). The main expenditure incurred on providing security and other measures in the conduct of Prime Minister's public meetings is on essential law and order arrangements for public safety and convenience. The expenditure on protective arrangements for the Prime Minister on such occasions is substantially less. The arrangements have, however been reviewed recently and substantial reduction has been made in the development of men and construction of fixtures at such meetings.

वैज्ञानिक तथा औद्योगिक अनुसंधान परिषद् की भारतीय भाषायें यूनिट का विलय

1374. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान: क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या वैज्ञानिक तथा औद्योगिक अनुसंधान परिषद् की भारतीय भाषायें यूनिट का अंग्रेजी प्रकाशन तथा सूचना निदेशालय के साथ विलय किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) क्या इसका परिणाम यह होगा कि वैज्ञानिक तथा औद्योगिक अनुसंधान परिषद् के मुख्यालय पर भारतीय भाषा के संबंध में कोई कार्य नहीं रहेगा; और

(ग) क्या आपातकाल के दौरान इस यूनिट के अधिकारियों द्वारा की गई

अनियमितताओं को दबाने के लिए यह कदम उठाया जा रहा है ?

प्रश्न नं० (श्री मोरारजी देसाई) :

(क) और (ग). भारतीय भाषा यूनिट का प्रशासनिक नियंत्रण वैज्ञानिक और औद्योगिक अनुसंधान परिषद् (सी० एस० आई० धार०) के मुख्यालय से इसके प्रकाशन तथा सूचना निदेशालय में स्थानान्तरण का प्रश्न सुविधा और मितव्ययता के कारणों से अभी विचाराधीन है।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Memorandum from a Deputation of Sindhi Community

1375. SHRI R. K. NHALGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(b) whether a deputation of Sindhi community has called on the Prime Minister at Bombay in the first or second week of May 1977;

(b) whether the said deputation has submitted to him a memorandum stating certain problems of Sindhi community which persist for a long time;

(c) if so, what were the demands and requests in the memorandum;

(d) what action has Government taken or propose to take and when; and

(e) whether there are any difficulties to accept the demands or requests made in the said memorandum; if so, what are they?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH):

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Some of the main demands relate to reservation of seats in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies/Councils,

declaration of Sindhis as a minority community and schemes for rehabilitation of displaced persons.

(d) and (e). The demands made in the memorandum are under examination in consultation with concerned Ministries Departments.

Equipments Fitted in Erstwhile Prime Minister's Secretariat and Establishments

1376. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) details of different equipments including computers and other electronic gadgets fitted in the erstwhile Prime Minister's Secretariat and establishments during 1971-77;

(b) cost of the same and purpose for which they were used;

(c) whether there was a Joint Intelligence Committee under the Prime Minister's Secretariat; and

(d) if so, who was heading it and what was the cost of maintaining the same?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) The following equipments had been provided in South Block and in Parliament House for the erstwhile Prime Minister's Secretariat for the last about three years:

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| (i) Letargard | — Two |
| (ii) Portable X-ray equipment. | — Two |
| (iii) Polaroid copying attachment for the X-ray equipment. | — Two |

(b) The approximate cost of each of the above items is as follows:—

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| (i) Rs. 5,040-00 |
| (ii) Rs. 14,481-00 |
| (iii) Rs. 279-00 |