

vious Government regarding the border dispute between Punjab and Haryana States, specially in regard to Chandigarh city being included in Punjab and Fazilka and Abhor to be transferred to Haryana:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, when the decision is going to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH): (a) to (c). Government have yet to take a view in the matter after consultation with the new Governments in the States concerned.

Central Agency to keep watch over Industrial Projects

1396. SHRI S. D. SOMASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Central agency to keep watch over the processing of proposals for industrial projects in backward areas as recommended in para 2.55 of the 69th Report of the Estimates Committee (Fifth Lok Sabha) and reiterated in para 6 of Chapter 1 of the 95th Report of that Committee;

(b) if so, the composition and functions of the agency; and

(c) if not, the reasons for non-implementation and the alternative method for processing proposals?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJ LAL VERMA): (a) to (c). The Planning Commission are examining the recommendation of the Estimates Committee in para 2.55 of their 69th Report and reiterated in para 6 of Chapter I of their 95th Report in consultation with the various authorities.

Sending of Satellite in Space

1397. DR. BIJOY K. MONDAL: Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the direction of completing another satellite for being rocketed into the space for probe or other purposes;

(b) in the light of the experience gained and data collected from the first satellite, what precisely shall be the purpose or objective of the device; and

(c) by what time our satellites will be able to televise Indian programmes for the benefit of the country-man and what areas are proposed to be covered in the beginning?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Work on the second Satellite which will conduct earth observation experiments is progressing according to schedule. The Engineering model has been completed and work on the prototype and the flight models is under way.

(b) While Aryabhata established the basis capability in Satellite technology and provided our scientists & engineers with experience in the design, fabrication and testing of space-worthy structures, the main purpose of the Satellite for Earth Observations is photography and remote sensing of gross features of the Indian land mass, monitoring of meteorological data and generally to collect information related to water resources, forestry, regional geology, hydrology, snow cover, large scale vegetation mapping, etc.

(c) The question of establishing a multi-purpose operational space system providing tele-communications, meteorology and television services from a common satellite in geo-stationary orbit is under examination. At this stage it is premature and not possible to indicate the time frame for introduction of satellite TV services or the areas which would be covered by them.