

the extension of Andhra Pradesh Super Fast Express services upto Visakhapatnam; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken so far in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

(a) No. However, requests have been made for attaching New Delhi-Waltair coaches to 123/124 A, P. Express.

(b) 123/124 Andhra Pradesh Express is a very popular fast inter city train connecting the State Capital of Andhra Pradesh with the Union Capital. Its extension to Waltair is not desirable as it will be resented by the present users. Running of a through coach between Waltair and New Delhi by this train is also not feasible as it is already running with the maximum load.

Nuclear Test in South Atlantic by South Africa

1187. **SHRI SHIV KUMAR SINGH:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that South African Government have successfully conducted a nuclear test in South Atlantic during September last as published in the *Hindustan Times* dated 21st February, 1980; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) A signal from a U.S. Vela Satellite at 0052 hours GMT on 22nd September, 1979 provided an indication that South Africa might have conducted a nuclear explosion. At the request of the U.N. General Assembly, the U.N. Secretary-General is making an enquiry into the reported South African nuclear explosion.

(b) Government of India's reaction was made clear by its support to the

U.N. General Assembly Resolution (adopted on 26th November, 1979) condemning the reported explosion and asking the Security Council to institute effective enforcement action to prevent South Africa from further endangering international peace and security through acquisition of nuclear weapons.

Strikes in Scientific and Research Institutions

1188. **SHRI NIREN GHOSH:** Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the names of scientific and Research Institutions under the Central Government/Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in which strikes or agitations are continuing at present; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to settle them?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION AND LABOUR (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK): (a) and (b). Ministry of Labour do not have information separately, for Scientific and Research institutions under the Central Government. This information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House. According to the Department of Science and Technology, however, there is no strike or agitation in any of the C.S.I.R. Laboratories.

Urge to start a Medical University in Karnataka

1189. **SHRI T. R. SHAMANNA:** Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an urge from the Karnataka State to start a Medical University in the State on the lines of Agricultural University; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take early steps in this regard?