

**Operation of INSAT**

1785. **SHRI CHITTA BASU:**  
**SHRI MAGAN BHAI**  
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Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the **INSAT** (Indian Satellite) will come into existence by 1981, as scheduled;

(b) the possible benefits the mass media are likely to derive from the operation of the **INSAT**; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred?

**THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI):** (a) As of now the **INSAT-1** system is expected to be operational in the first quarter of 1982.

(b) The **INSAT-1** spacecraft will have two high-power S-band transponders capable of providing nationwide direct satellite broadcast TV for reception by augmented community receivers in rural areas, and national/regional networking of terrestrial TV and radio transmitters.

(c) Rs. 28.14 crores (approximate) to-date.

**Filling up of Posts of SC & ST in Class I Cadre**

1786 **SHRI N. E. HORO:** Will the Minister of **HOME AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been cases when the posts in the various departments under the Ministry of Home Affairs reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Class I Cadre were not filled up adequately by the appointment of persons belonging to these communities during the last three years either through promotion or direct recruitment; and

(b) whether Government are aware that a number of posts were de-reserved although eligible and fit candidates belonging to those communities were available for appointment thereto?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) No reserved vacancy has been de-reserved where eligible and fit candidates were available for appointment.

**Shortage of Bus Chassis in West Bengal**

1787. **SHRI CHITTA BASU:** Will the Minister of **INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the shortage of the Bus Chassis in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total requirement of them for the current year and the ensured availability of the same for the current year; and

(d) steps taken to meet the gap, if any?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):** (a) The Government of West Bengal have reported that there is a considerable time-lag between the booking and the actual supply of bus chassis of the **TELCO**-make in West Bengal.

(b) The commercial vehicles manufactured by **TELCO** and **Ashok Leyland** are generally preferred by the customers. The manufacturers have reported that there is a substantial waiting list for these vehicles in the country.

(c) **M/s. TELCO** have reported that 216 bus chassis have been delivered to West Bengal during the period April, 1979—February, 1980. **M/s. Ashok Leyland** have also delivered 121 bus chassis to the State during this period. The orders pending delivery as on 1-3-1980 with **M/s. TELCO** and **M/s. Ashok Leyland** are 464 chassis and 138 chassis respectively.

(d) Government have taken steps to augment the production of commer-