

(d) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It will not be in the public interest to disclose this information.

(c) and (d). The offer of HAL is under consideration.

Census work

4978. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire census work in the whole of India has been completed;

(b) if not, the areas where population count could not take place and the reasons therefor;

(c) when the same would be enumerated;

(d) what are the provisional statistics of head-count done so far; and

(e) the time by which the final census figures would be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The population count could not take place in Jammu and Kashmir due to weather conditions and in Assam due to disturbed conditions.

(c) The population count in Jammu and Kashmir will take place from 20-4-1981 and continue till 10.5.1981. The population count in Assam will take place as soon as possible.

(d) The provisional figures as released on 18-3-1981 are given below:

POPULATION:	68,38,10,051
MALES:	35,33,47,249
FEMALES:	33,04,62,802

These figures include the projected population in the case of Jammu and Kashmir and Assam.

Literates

TOTAL	23,79,91,932
MALES:	15,88,37,215
FEMALES:	7,91,54,717

(e) The final population figures would be ready after about a year and other tabulations will continue upto 1986.

Setting up of plant in Baroda for supplying nuclear techniques

4979. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a plant designed to supply nuclear techniques in the treatment of sewage sludge, in Baroda; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A proposal to set up a radiation plant using Cobalt-60 source for hygienising the sewage sludge at Baroda at an estimated cost of Rs. 75.00 lakhs is under consideration of the Government. The treated sludge will be free from pathogens and will be a safe and useful fertiliser.

Delay in implementation of Talcher Heavy water project

4981. SHRI K. PRADHANI:
SHRI CHANDRAJIT
YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 50 crore Talcher Heavy Water Project

has been already delayed for five years in implementation;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take for the speedy implementation of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Delays due to increase in delivery period of raw materials owing to oil crisis and tremendous pressure on European markets for the supply of such items; (ii) Replacement of the two towers lost at sea, by re-ordering; (iii) Delays on the part of indigenous fabricators in not maintaining the time schedule, due to various technical problems; and (iv) Delay in finalising amendment to Contract-I with foreign collaborators.

(c) The plant has been in testing and commissioning stage during 1980. Pressure testing of the different systems has been completed. Testing of the pumps for liquid ammonia, the last remaining equipment, is in progress. Subject to the availability of the synthesis gas from the Fertilizer Plant, in required quantity, the plant will be operational by August, 1981.

Cement Research Fund

4982. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI:

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee of Direction for Cement Research has failed to provide direction to the Cement Research Scheme;

(b) if so, what is the total amount lying with the Committee as on 28th

February, 1981 and the reasons therefor;

(c) the total amount earmarked from this account for research institutes connected with cement and allied industries during the last four years; and

(d) the names of research institutes/organisations which have been benefited from cement research fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) No, Sir. The Committee of Direction on Cement Research had introduced Cement Research Scheme and has so far approved 72 projects of national and industrial importance. Under its guidance a Corporate Research & Development Plan has also been prepared by the Cement Research Institute.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Apart from the base level contribution made to the Cement Research Institute, there is no separate earmarking of cement research fund either sector-wise or research institute-wise. The Committee of Direction for Cement Research had, however, given approval for schemes for the following amounts during the last four years.

(Rs. in lakhs)

1976-77	150.54
1977-78	115.05
1978-79	6.27
1979-80	132.55

Besides the schemes to be executed through the Cement Research Institute, these approvals had also covered the schemes of Cement Service Bureau, Madras and Indian Sugar & General Engineering Corporation, Yamunanagar and assistance to be extended to Shri Durga Cement Company Limited, Bharechnagar and Lokapur Cements, Lokapur for development of mini cement plants based on vertical shaft kiln technology.