

### Appointment of Lokayukt to Scan Cases Against VIPs

8802. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to appoint Lokayukt to scan through the cases against the VIPs as has been done by some State Governments ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the time by which the Lokayukt is likely to be appointed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH) : (a) to (c). The question of introducing legislation for the setting up of the institution of Lokpal at the Centre is receiving Government's attention.

### American Satellite Engaged In Water Discovery In Bundelkhand Region

8803. SHRI BISHNU PRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that American Satellite has been engaged to photograph to discover places where water is available in the Bundelkhand region ; and

(b) the other areas in which the services of American Satellite has been requisitioned and the details thereof ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b). India has a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) of the United States of America for reception of data from their remote sensing satellite, LANDSAT. At the instance of the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, the Bundelkhand project was taken up by the Remote Sensing Applications Centre, Lucknow, and the satellite remote sensing survey component of the project for survey on surface and ground water has been completed by them in association with the National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA) of the

Department of Space. As a result of this survey, ground water targetting programme in the Bundelkhand region has since been taken up. The satellite remote sensing survey for land use, soil associations, forests, geology and geomorphology covering Bundelkhand region has also been completed, utilising imageries received from the LANDSAT satellite. The material was processed at the earth station of NRSA which has facilities to receive satellite data from remote sensing satellites.

### Activities of Underground Nagas in N.E. Region

8804. SHRI M. RAMGOPAL REDDY :  
SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that activities of the underground Nagas in the North Eastern Region have considerably increased during the last one year ;

(b) whether it has also come to the notice of Government that underground Nagas have links with insurgents and foreign countries ; and

(c) if so, the ways and means adopted by Government to curb such anti-national activities and bring the region into the national mainstream ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH) : (a) There is no report about any spurt in their activities.

(b) Government is aware of underground Nagas' links with insurgent groups across the border.

(c) Strict Vigilance is maintained on the activities of insurgent groups in the area.

### Export of Iron Ore Concentrate to Iran

8805. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Iran has