

led at the discretion of the Director-General, P&I and Heads of Circle/Telephone Districts in accordance with the requirement of the Service.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Selection of Experts for Sending to U.S.S.R. under the Indo-Soviet Agreement in the Field of Science and Technology

4121. SHRI M. S. SIVASWAMY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state—

(a) whether any experts, have been sent to U.S.S.R. or are likely to be sent there as part of the scientific exchanges programme for 1972 and 1973-74 under the Indo-Soviet Agreement for cooperation in the field of science and technology; and

(b) if so, the mode of selection of the experts for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) No exchange has taken place under the scientific exchange programme so far. But the Government of India have proposed to the Soviet Government sending certain teams of Indian experts in pursuance of the programme which was agreed upon during the discussion which took place with the Indian delegation in Moscow last October. The Soviet reply has not yet been received.

(b) Care will naturally be taken that the personnel of these teams represent the best expertise available in the country in the concerned field.

Development of Thumba Space Centre. . . during 1973-74.

4122. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) the main features of the development works the Government propose to

take up at Thumba Space Centre during 1973-74; and

(b) the progress made in the expansion scheme of Rocket Fabrication facilities in that Centre?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) The development works to be taken up at Thumba during 1973-74 are still being finalised.

(b) The Rocket Fabrication Facility has already been expanded to fabricate rockets with diameters upto 600 mm. The expansion to accommodate the fibre-glass and strip-wound motors is currently on hand. Further expansion required to meet fabrication requirements of rocket motors upto 1250 mm. diameters is being taken up.

Allocation of Funds to Kerala for Employment Programmes

4123. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 4018 on the 26th April, 1972 regarding allocation of funds to States for employment schemes and state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has received the required programme from Government of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the main features of the programme and the total amount allotted so far to that State for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.