

Year Plan for the Rocket Research and Space Engineering Post-Graduate Studies in the country and the amount proposed to be given to the various Institutes engaged on this work during 1969-70 ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : No specific funds have been allocated in the Fourth Five Year Plan of Technical Education for Rocket Research and Post-graduate Studies in Space Engineering. Only two institutions are engaged in this field. One of the institutions is being supported by the Defence Ministry and the amount of grant proposed to be given by that Ministry during 1969-70 is about Rs. 7.97 lakhs. As for the other institution, the amount of grant to be given in 1969-10 will be determined after the estimates of the project have been approved. This grant will be provided out of the lumpsum provision made for post-graduate courses in engineering in the Technical Education Plan.

Action against Newspapers Supporting Naxalite Activities

9091. **SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that recently certain newspapers have come out supporting Naxalite activities in the country ;

(b) if so, the names of these newspapers and the action proposed to be taken against them for their anti-national activities ;

(c) whether Government proposes to launch planned coordinated drive in the State against such anti-national activities ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) and (b). A statement based on the information, received from State Governments is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—1078/69].

(c) and (d). The Central Government are closely watching the situation created by the activities of extremists in different parts of the country and are in touch with the State Governments. All possible steps are being taken to ensure that the activities of

these extremists are curbed and public safety, lives of public servants and the rule of law are not endangered.

Report of enquiry into Accident Involving Viscount Aircraft on Calcutta-Gauhati Route

9092. **SHRI D. C. SHARMA :** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the enquiry, which was being conducted by an Assistant Director General of Civil Aviation into the February 5, 1969 incident in which a Viscount on the Calcutta-Gauhati route was involved, has been completed ;

(b) if so, what are his findings ; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) to (c). On the 4th February, 1969 (not on 5th February), a Gauhati bound Indian Airlines Viscount VT-DIG was involved in an incident in which all its four engines stopped in succession. The pilot relighted them and returned to Dum Dum safely. The incident is being investigated by an Indian Airline Board of Enquiry. Its report is still awaited.

Chief Ministers' Conference on Centre-State Relations

9093. **SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a suggestion has been made to hold talks on Centre-State ties and to call a Conference of Chief Ministers of States on the subject ;

(b) if so, the steps taken in the matter ; and

(c) the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) to (c). The question of Centre-State relations came up for consideration at the last meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Intergration Council. The Prime Minister indicated at the meeting that the question could be discussed by the Committee on the