

[*English*]**Kalpakkam Fast Breeder Test Reactor**1716. SHRI Y.S. RAJA SEKHAR  
REDDY:

SHRI A.K.A. ABDUL SAMAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's nuclear power programme has come to a grinding halt with 40 MW Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR) located at Kalpakkam becoming unoperational; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b). The Fast Breeder Test Reactor located at Kalpakkam has not become unoperational. Some difficulties experienced during commissioning of the Fast Breeder Test Reactor have been overcome and the reactor is getting ready for generation of power from the middle of 1991. The reactor is presently operating at low power for specific experiments.

[*Translation*]**T.V Transmitter in Bihar**

1717. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish a 900 watt T.V. transmitter in Goda (Bihar); and

(b) if so, when the work is likely to be started; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b).

It has been decided in principle to establish a Low Power (100 W) TV transmitter at Godda in Bihar. The lead time for completion of the projects of this nature is about one year after the scheme is formally approved by the Government.

[*English*]**People Below poverty line in Rural/  
Urban areas**

1718. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the latest figures showing the percentage of population living below poverty line in rural and urban areas; and

(b) the targets fixed in the Eighth Five Year Plan to bring them above the poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) The latest figures on the percentage of population living below poverty line in rural and urban areas are available for the year 1987-88 which are estimated on the basis of 43rd round data of National Sample Survey of household consumption expenditure. These are given below:-

*Percentage of Population below the  
Poverty**Line-1987-88*

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Rural		33.4
Urban		20.1
Combined		29.0

(b) The targets to bring the population above the poverty line will be incorporated in the Eighth Plan which is under preparation.

#### **Decisions taken at COMINAC-III**

1719. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the main proposals mooted by India during the Third Conference of Ministers of Information of Non-Aligned Countries (COMINAC-III) in Havana;

(b) the reaction of other participating countries thereto;

(c) the details of decisions taken; and

(d) the action being initiated to implement those decisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Setting up of a Non-aligned Film Pool as also a Non-aligned Photo Pool were the Indian proposals.

(b) The Indian proposals were prime facie widely acceptable to the participating countries;

(c) and (d). The modalities are being worked out. No final decision has been taken so far.

#### **Legislation on Handicapped**

1720. SHRI P.C. THOMAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring forward a legislation for the welfare of physically and mentally handicapped;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide reservations for such persons in educational institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The details are under finalisation.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **ISRO's Technology Transfer Scheme**

1721. SHRI PRATAP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Indian Space Research Organisations technology transfer scheme; and

(b) to what extent the above scheme has so far promoted the commercialisation of technologies developed in the space programme for applications to various sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b). Under the Technology Transfer Scheme of the Indian Space Research Organisation the partnership with Indian Industry is promoted and strengthened by

— meeting the requirements of the space programme's own projects through buy-backs of products produced by industry based on ISRO technology transfer;