

(a) the action taken by Union Government on the report of the Patel Commission for the development of four backward districts of Eastern Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if no action has been taken so far, the reasons thereof and the time by which Government propose to take action on the report?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). In 1962, the Planning Commission and the Government of Uttar Pradesh appointed a Joint Study Team, under the Chairmanship of Mr. B.P. Patel, to report on the progress of socio-economic development of four Eastern districts of Uttar Pradesh and to suggest measures for improvement. The action on this Report has been taken by the Government of Uttar Pradesh. Government of India sanctioned specific assistance during the year 1964-65 and 1965-66.

Commissioning of Kamini Research Reactor

*291. SHRI R. N. RAKESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the "Indian Express" dated 6 March, 1990 wherein it has been stated that "Kamini" a mini research reactor being set up at Kalpakkam as a tool for studying the internal structure of irradiated nuclear fuel, will be commissioned by March, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated for this purpose?

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VELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Kamini is a new type of Research Reactor fuelled with Uranium-233 which will operate at low powers upto 30KW. The neutrons from this Reactor will be used to examine the irradiated fuel of the Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR). This Reactor is located in the Radio Metallurgy Laboratories of Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam, where irradiated FBTR fuel is examined.

(c) Rupees Seventy lakhs have been allocated for this purpose. This does not include the cost of fuel and reflector which are fabricated and supplied by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) as part of its Research and Development activity.

Priority to Services Sector in Planning Process

*293. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has submitted that the services sector be given priority in the planning process in view of its greater value addition, employment generation and less requirement of capital; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction to the proposal?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) No, Sir. No such submission has been received by Government.

(b) Does not arise.